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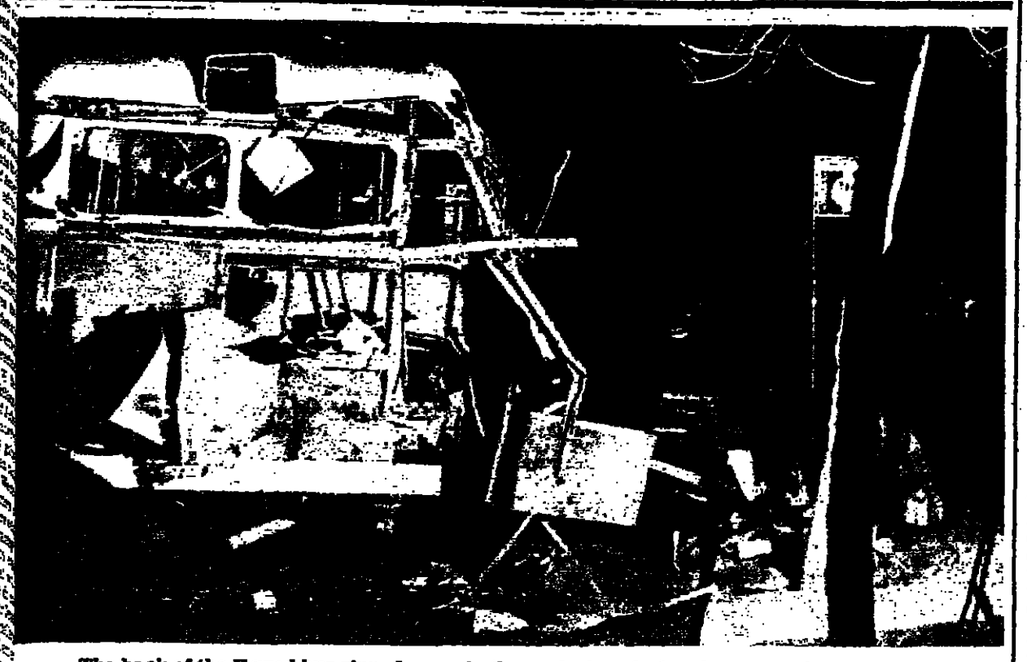

The back of the Egged bus ripped away in the explosion of a bomb apparently placed under the back seat. Two police sappers on the right examine articles for other possible devices and for traces of the original bomb for analysis. (Herskovitz, Zoom)

22 hurt in Jerusalem bus blast

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The No. 12 Egged bus from the Old ity to Bayit Vagan was once again a rrorist target yesterday afternoon, hen a bomb blast injured 22 people, e of them seriously.

The explosion occurred at the inrsection of Rehov Hapisga and ehov Ya'acov Rosenheim in Bayit agan. The bus had just pulled away om one of the last stops on the ute, which begins at Damascus ate. Many of the passengers were ready off the bus, or casualties ight have been much worse, a lice officer on the scene said.

The bomb, apparently consisting about one kilo of standard exosive, was placed under the back at of the bus.

Police detained a number of spects but most were released ter tests showed no trace of exosives on their hands or clothing. Responsibility for the explosion as claimed by the Palestine beration Organization in a report sued by the WAFA Palestinian ws agency in Beirut.

Eyewitness Ya'acov Kirschen Dry Bones") said the explosion ocrred between 5:10 and 5:15 p.m. d ripped through the right rear d of the bus.

"The back of the bus was totally ped away. All the windows had en blasted out and there was a ring of shattered glass on the road," he said.

Ambulances and security personnel arrived within minutes, evacuated the wounded and sealed off the area. Several schoolchildren were treated on the spot for minor injuries. A number of houses in the area were also slightly damaged.

Fifteen of the injured were treated at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem. The condition of one, Ya'acov Gottfarb, who suffered head injuries, was described as "serious." Most suffered injuries to the ears as a result of the blast. Shaare Zedek treated the other seven, all of whom were described as suffering from "light" injuries. Both hospitals released several of the injured after treatment last night.

Shlomo, 22, one of the injured at Shaare Zedek, who preferred not to reveal his surname, said that the bus had been searched quite thoroughly by a border policeman in the vicinity of Mahane Yehuda.

The pupils of his eyes still dilated with shock, he described the explosion "as a flash and a blast that occurred more or less alongside me.

"At first I didn't think there had been a bomb explosion and I looked around to see if there were any others who were injured. Once I realized, I got off and ran some distance away from it in case of another explosion," he said.

The driver of the bus confirmed that the border police had searched the bus twice, and Southern District Police commander Nitzav Arye Ivtzan has ordered that the border policemen be questioned. None of the passengers had reported anything suspicious.

Security checks on the No. 12 route were among the recommendations of a special committee appointed by Mayor Teddy Kollek following a June explosion on the same bus route in which six people were killed and 19 injured.

However, it appears that not all of that committee's recommendations have been implemented. Security experts had urged that Egged only use buses with wide isles on that

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Katyusha explodes near Alon Shvut

ALON SHVUT (Itim). — A Katyusha rocket exploded Saturday night in a hilly area near the Alon Shvut rural centre in the Etzion Bloc. No one was injured and no damaged was caused.

A loud explosion was heard in the bloc settlements following which security forces searched the area and discovered the reinnants of the rocket. Further searches conducted yesterday revealed a rocket launcher, batteries and timing device not far from the nearby village of Beit Fajjar.

West worried by 15% oil hike

ASHINGTON. — The Organization Petroleum Exporting Countries PEC) yesterday announced an most 15 per cent rise in oil prices r next year — and the U.S. accused e Arab-dominated cartel of endangering the economy of the West.

The 13-country group, meeting at bu Dabbi on the Persian Gulf, anounced yesterday that it wouldise its prices by 14.5 per cent durg 1979. This will begin with a 5 per nt hike on January 1, to be followl by smaller rises every three onths.

Washington had been hoping that e basic price, frozen since early 77 at $12.70 per barrel of Arabian ght crude, would rise by no more an 10 per cent next year.

The State Department yesterday oped that OPEC would reconsider. White House spokesman, speaking r the vacationing President Jimmy Carter, warned that the rise "will impede programmes to maintain world economic recovery and to reduce inflation."

Alfred Kahn, the Carter administration's top inflation fighter, cautioned the OPEC states, "You don't necessarily prosper by impoverishing your customers."

Dismay was expressed in both industrialized and developing countries.

Only Britain and Norway, which stand to gain from higher prices that can be charged for their North Sea oil exports, were in the least sanguine. India's petroleum minister said, "It is not healthy news for us in India."

Japan, which imports 99 per cent of its oil, said it would hold back world economic recovery, and a Swiss government spokesman forecast damage to monetary stability.

The OPEC cartel produces more than 30 per cent of the world's petroleum, and accounts for 37 per cent of the oil consumed by the U.S. The group announced last June that it would raise the price of crude oil at the end of this year.

The OPEC oil ministers, who decided on the hikes at a two-day meeting here, will convene again late next year to decide whether to boost the price in 1980. The overall 1979 increase is expected to enrich the OPEC countries by as much as $20b.

Price "hawks" within the cartel, such as Iraq and Libya, had pushed publicly for increases of up to 25 per cent. But sources at the conference said the two had called for only a 15 per cent increase when the meeting got down to business. (UPI, Reuter)

Americans stay off tense Taiwan streets

AIPEI. — Foreigners were warned stay off the streets of Taiwan's pital yesterday after two U.S. sericemen were slightly injured in a te night fracas that brought sullen ti-American resentment bursting the surface.

U.S. Marine guards used tear gas clear demonstrators from the merican embassy complex here. ut the most serious incident ocurred when angry crowds hurled tones through the windows of the S. enlisted men's club.

Two U.S. servicemen there were ightly injured by flying glass. One eeded stitches.

The Taiwanese reacted with shock nd anger to the weekend decision y Peking and Washington to eslablish diplomatic relations at the ost of a U.S. break in relations with aiwan.

A U.S. embassy spokesman, giving details of the previous night's isturbances, said they had decided, "in liaison with the Taiwan uthorities" to advise all foreigners o keep off the streets.

The two-storey U.S. embassy on Chung Hsiao Road in downtown Taipei was sealed off with barbed wire yesterday, and police also blocked off an overpass that runs close by the embassy.

Hundreds of Sunday strollers watched silently as steel-helmeted Taiwanese riot squads patrolled the area inside the barricades. School and military sporting functions were cancelled. Dances and games in a number of recreation centres were also called off yesterday.

Police guards, and even two ambulances, took up position by the town residence of U.S. Ambassador Leonard Unger, who stayed elsewhere during the weekend.

On Saturday, angry students, hurling stones, eggs and bottles, burned the U.S. flag near the embassy and raged against President Jimmy Carter.

The students fastened Nationalist Chinese flags to the gates of the U.S. commissary on Chung Shan Road, and the banners were still fluttering defiantly 24 hours later. Police guards made no attempts to remove the flags. They also made no arrests.

About 5,000 Americans, including 750 non-combatant military personnel, live on Taiwan. The embassy spokesman said yesterday that "the Americans generally stayed off the streets; it's been relatively calm."

Taiwan's 500,000-strong armed forces, including five divisions on the strategic islands of Quemoy and Matsu off the China coast, have been put on full alert since the normalization shock hit this economically strong but diplomatically isolated island.

Vice-Foreign Minister Fredrick Chien, talking to foreign reporters, said the changed situation poses a new threat.

"We think our enemy could have been encouraged by this new move to take untoward action towards us," he added.

But he said that military intelligence had uncovered no signs of Communist Chinese troop movements. (Reuter, UPI)

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'Watching Taiwan'

At yesterday's weekly cabinet session in Jerusalem, Interior Minister Yosef Burg asked Premier Menahem Begin how Washington's abrogation of its defence pact with Taiwan is being interpreted in Israel. Premier Menahem Begin replied that he was watching the situation very closely. There was no debate.

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Vance: Proposals were 'reasonable'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said yesterday that the proposals he took to Jerusalem from Cairo last week were "reasonable" and that he was "saddened and disappointed that they were apparently turned down so flatly."

He nevertheless expressed the hope that the peace process would continue: "I think and hope that there would be a further consideration of the proposals which I took and that the discussions will be able to get started again."

Speaking on the "Meet the Press" television programme the secretary of state said that it was "the duty of a mediator not only to move between the parties trying to bridge the gaps between them, but also, when we see either of them taking a position which we think is a reasonable position, to state: 'This is a reasonable position.'"

During the interview Vance numbered the four outstanding issues between Egypt and Israel.

- The Egyptian demand for providing that one of the sides may demand renegotiation of Article 6 of the draft peace treaty.
- The Egyptian demand to clarify in a letter that would accompany the treaty that "the treaty was not in contradiction with what has been stated in the preamble, namely that the treaty was in the context of the overall Camp David agreement."
- Another accompanying letter that would determine a target date for the establishment of the institutions of the autonomy in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

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Khalil: Peace treaty problems surmountable

Jerusalem Post Staff
and Agencies

Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil said yesterday that Egypt and Israel could still overcome the difficulties which have obstructed the signing of a peace treaty between them. Khalil said that a breakthrough would be likely once Israel responded positively to Egyptian demands for a specific timetable for establishment of Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Khalil made the remarks during a meeting with Emilio Colombo, president of the European Parliament, who is now visiting Cairo. Colombo is due in Jerusalem this week.

Egypt's Acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali told Colombo that Israel and Egypt should embark on a new phase of negotiations to settle outstanding issues. Ghali said that Egypt's commitments to the rest of the Arab World must be taken into consideration by Israel if negotiations are to succeed.

A Kuwaiti newspaper claimed yesterday that President Anwar Sadat, disappointed over the deadlock in the peace negotiations, has asked Saudi Arabia and Morocco to mediate a reconciliation between Egypt and Arab opponents of his peace initiative.

The daily "Al-Watan," quoting unnamed "reliable sources," said Sadat had asked Saudi Arabia's King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd and Morocco's King Hassan to undertake the mediation effort.

Saudi Arabia, the report said, might begin by sounding out other Persian Gulf states before approaching Jordan, Syria and Iraq — the latter two being the chief hardline opponents of the Camp David agreements.

"Al-Watan" said Sadat's isolation from the rest of the Arab World had not been compensated for by Washington or by Israel. "Because of this," the newspaper said, "President Sadat has decided to re-evaluate his policy and reintegrate himself in the Arab world."

Acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali said in a statement issued in Cairo yesterday that Israel and Egypt "must reach agreement between them on the continuation of the negotiations for an additional period."

Begin slated to face Knesset tomorrow

Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Menahem Begin will make a government statement in the Knesset tomorrow afternoon, explaining the cabinet's decision last Friday to reject the Egyptian proposals for changes in the peace treaty.

Because of a misunderstanding, earlier reports said that Begin would speak today. But the Knesset must hold a memorial session today for the late Golda Meir. The House must also debate the Sheli no-confidence motion today, because such motions take priority over all other business.

Because of those two items on the agenda, no time will remain today for a government political statement and subsequent debate.

The government would like Tuesday's 4 p.m. debate to last two or three hours, but the opposition is expected to demand twice as much time. The House Committee will make the decision in line with the wishes of the coalition majority.

If a lengthy debate is scheduled in the end, it may drag into Wednesday, since many MKs will be occupied tomorrow with the visit of the European Parliament delegation, which involves several joint sessions and a ceremonial dinner.

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Military mission in U.S. returning

Post Military Correspondent

Israel has decided to return the delegation of military officers from Washington who were there as part of the post-Camp David negotiating team.

The delegation, under Aluf Avraham Tamir, is due to arrive in Israel on Wednesday.

The decision to recall the delegation was made in consultation between Premier Menahem Begin and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman yesterday.

The official reason given for the decision was that there was no rationale for keeping the officers in Washington since the peace process has been effectively suspended.

The delegation had not met with its Egyptian counterpart for over a month, and its presence in Washington was considered purely symbolic. The withdrawal of the delegation can also be assumed to have a symbolic implication, coming when it does.

Sinai pullback carries on regardless

HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Military Correspondent

The military pullback from Sinai, which started in mid-November, is continuing according to plan despite the impasse in the peace process.

This was stated to *The Jerusalem Post* by a reliable military source yesterday.

According to the source the pullback is of non-vital equipment only, and has not impaired Israel's fighting capability in the area.

"It is merely intended to make the eventual pullback more efficient, when the time comes," the source said.

By the terms of the Camp David agreement Israel is required to retreat to a line roughly between Ras Muhammad and El-Arish within nine months of signing a peace treaty, and from the entire peninsula within three years. Most of the equipment to be moved, however, will have to be relocated in the first stage.

Eventually Israel will have to move a total of about 100 military camps and installations in addition to the airfields. T[illegible] will involve over 2,500 buildings and thousands of military vehicles.

With deadlock in peace process

More investment seen for Sinai oilfields

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Oil drilling and extraction plans in Sinai will take into account the fact that a withdrawal from the peninsula now is not expected in the near future, Energy and Construction Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday.

Moda'i told *The Jerusalem Post* that his ministry will continue to adhere to the principle of ensuring that investments in drilling equipment and other installations in the Gulf of Suez cover themselves before the withdrawal from Sinai. Now that the withdrawal has been postponed, further investments can be made in the gulf's oilfields, the minister said. (The first stage of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai is to take place nine months after Israel and Egypt sign a peace treaty. Negotiations toward that treaty are now stalemated.)

At present 20,000 barrels of oil are extracted daily in the gulf. The operation of the Alma-6 rig in the near future will bring the figure up to 25,000 barrels per day. Although the Alma-2 rig is currently producing only 600-700 barrels a day due to water seepage into the well, it is expected that this will be corrected by the installation of a new pump. Moda'i hopes the Sinai fields will be producing 40,000 barrels a day by the end of next year.

The energy minister also said that a formula had been worked out according to which the price of petrol in Israel will be raised automatically every time world prices go up. Because petrol products are not subsidized, the public must pay the full price, Moda'i explained.

This means that when world oil prices go up by 5 per cent in January, there will be a similar increase in Israel. OPEC ministers meeting in Abu Dhabi announced yesterday that they would raise their oil prices by 15 per cent in stages in 1979.

Promising gas discovery made near Ashkelon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHKELON. — Preliminary tests indicate that the natural gas discovered recently near Kibbutz Zikkin is of a high quality and may be present in commercial quantities. The tests should be completed within a few days.

The gas, discovered two weeks ago during the search for oil at the Shikma site 10 km. south of Ashkelon, is sulphur free, at the appropriate depth and under adequate pressure for exploitation, Shmuel Galai, spokesman for the Ministry of Energy, said yesterday.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who toured the site on Friday, said that the test results, although not conclusive, are extremely encouraging and indicate commercial viability.

Six ministers line up against Ehrlich budget

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

A front made up of six senior government ministers opposed to the finance minister's budget proposals for the coming fiscal year emerged at yesterday's cabinet meeting. But Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich is determined to stand by his proposals in their present form, and sees the challenge as a personal test.

And treasury circles, already marshalling their forces to defend the proposed budget in advance of the cabinet vote (expected at next week's meeting), hit out at ministerial critics, saying that demands for changes from the very ministers who are most concerned to cut inflation will have the effect of speeding up the inflationary process. This was proved by the current budget, they claim, which was increased in response to ministerial demands. We are currently living with the results, the officials say, in the form of the dramatic leap in inflation.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz led the attack on the budget in the cabinet meeting. The proposals, as presented by the treasury, he said, would make the poor poorer and the rich richer. He was joined by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i in demanding structural change throughout the proposals.

They want all incentives in the form of cheap credit drastically reduced, and all government activities involving the establishment of bodies to achieve their aims to be accounted for within the state budget framework.

Katz and Moda'i, together with Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Absorption Minister David Levy, said they would not vote in favour of the budget in the form proposed by Ehrlich.

It appears that two other ministerial big guns will join the four in their opposition to the proposals, though for different reasons. The Ministerial Defence Committee will meet on Wednesday to discuss Defence Minister Ezer Weizman's demand to add IL10b. to his ministry's allocation for the coming year. Weizman and Ehrlich have failed in their attempts to reach agreement on the issue.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon demanded another IL3.5b. for his ministry at yesterday's cabinet meeting, to finance "settlement in Eretz Yisrael." He said that the funds made available so far are more appropriate to the rehabilitation of a single, small backward community, than to financing large-scale settlement.

Katz expanded his attack on the structure of the budget proposals, pointing out that the economically more powerful sections of the population would benefit under them from customs, purchase tax, property tax and estate tax concessions. He accused the treasury of giving these sections linkage and exchange rate insurance without check or supervision.

These forms of insurance are given to public institutions, producers and large investors to safeguard them against inflation and fluctuations in the exchange rate. This means that for a small premium the state covers losses caused by rises in the consumer price index and exchange rate changes.

(In the first half of the present budget year the government gave exchange rate guarantees and linkage insurance to the tune of half a billion pounds without Knesset approval, merely giving notice of the *fait accompli* at the end of the period — S.M.)

The treasury uses the law to encourage capital investment beyond desirable limits, Katz went on, while at the same time wanting to make cuts at the expense of the aged, deprived families, children and the disabled. As an example he quoted the refusal to make funds available for opening day centres for children, thus making it difficult for mothers to go out to work.

Katz demanded an immediate end to unlinked loans and a probe into commercial banks' profits on government deposits as well as the interest rate the government gets from the banks. These steps must be taken to correct distortions in the allocation of resources, he said.

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Strikes threatened unless C-o-L paid in January

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut will organize demonstrations, petitions and, if necessary, selective strikes unless the government agrees to a January cost-of-living increment, Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel said last night.

Speaking at a gathering of labour leaders here, Meshel urged all workers to stick together in the struggle and not take any action without Histadrut approval and coordination.

Both Meshel and speakers from the floor complained that black capital was the real cause of inflation and Meshel promised that this issue, as well as housing for young couples and singles, would be discussed with the government after the immediate C-o-L problem was solved.

Members of the Central Committee of the Histadrut will meet with Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich and other economic ministers in Jerusalem on Wednesday to try to find solutions to the inflation problems. This was announced yesterday at the Central Committee's weekly meeting.

The debate at the committee meeting was stormy, with fuel added to the fire by last Friday's 6.2 per cent jump in the C-o-L index for November. Meshel said that a 12 per cent jump in inflation over a two-month period proves that the government is leading the country to the brink of economic disaster. He said the government should reassess its economic programme, admit an error was made and rectify it.

Meshel pointed out that prices of fruit and vegetables, housing and other essential commodities have gone up drastically, and that the subsidy cuts are already taking their toll.

Trade Union Department chairman Yisrael Kessar said workers are pressuring to reopen work contracts for higher wages. The Histadrut objects to this, he said; but the only way workers' demands can be restrained is for a C-o-L increment to be paid in January, instead of waiting until April.

In other business, the Central Committee warned the Ministry of Health not to try to resolve the shortage of nurses without coordinating all measures with the Nurses Union. Meshel said that providing nursing services through contractors or others not under public supervision will destroy the country's health care system. Moria Galili, secretary of the Nurses Union, said the nurses' basic pay must be raised significantly to attract more people to the profession. After that, additional increments for specially trained nurses (such as operating room and intensive care personnel) will have to be negotiated, she said.

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BUENOS AIRES	19	66	24	75	Cloudy
CHICAGO	-4	25	4	39	Clear
COPENHAGEN	-5	23	-1	30	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	0	32	7	45	Rain
GENEVA	1	34	3	37	Sunny
HELSINKI	-21	-6	-11	12	Snow
HONG KONG	17	63	21	70	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	8	46	25	77	Sunny
LISBON	9	48	14	57	Cloudy
LONDON	3	37	7	45	Cloudy
MADRID	6	43	12	52	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-1	30	3	37	Sunny
NEW YORK	5	41	11	52	Cloudy
OSLO	-10	3	-12	10	Clear
PARIS	0	32	8	46	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	28	68	34	93	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	19	66	27	81	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	-12	10	-5	23	Clear
TOKYO	5	41	16	61	Clear
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Safad	68	6—12	15
Haifa Port	47	14—21	22
Tiberias	57	9—21	23
Nazareth	42	9—17	19
Afula	38	6—20	22
Shomron	44	9—16	17
Tel Aviv	57	12—20	22
B-G Airport	39	7—23	25
Jericho	52	10—23	25
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Beersheba	41	7—20	22
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Staying at the Diplomat Hotel, Tel Aviv: Bernard Katzen, Chairman, U.S. Section, the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, in Israel to participate in the fourth convention of the Association.

(Communicated)

Children hurt by hot pitch

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A barrel of tar exploded near the *Tahkemoni school in Jerusalem* yesterday, injuring 14 children, three of them seriously.

The barrel exploded while being heated by workmen in preparation for application to a roof. According to the police a bubble of air or water trapped inside the tar was the cause *of the explosion.*

The children were treated in local hospitals. Police are investigating.

Bomb in Bnei Brak

BNEI BRAK (Itim). — A small explosive device was discovered early yesterday morning at the soldiers' hitch-hiking point near the Rehov Jabotinsky junction on the Geha Road. A police sapper detonated the charge, which caused no damage.

Students detained for 'security reasons'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An undisclosed number of students from the West Bank colleges of Bethlehem and Bir Zeit were detained *yesterday*, presumably for leading street protests against recent land seizures in Hebron and Beit Sahur.

The authorities declined to comment beyond confirming the arrests, which they said were made for "security reasons."

Journalist Ismail Ajua, who works in the Palestine Office for Journalist Services in East Jerusalem, was also arrested by security forces yesterday, on suspicion of possessing seditious literature.

Ajua formerly worked on the East Jerusalem paper "Al-Fajr."

Senator Richard Stone warns:

Taiwan move may affect Mideast peace process

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The abandonment of Taiwan, "a faithful ally of the United States," as part of the *normalization of relations* with China, is likely to complicate the Middle East peace talks.

This warning was issued yesterday by Senator Richard (Dick) Stone on the "Face the Nation" television programme.

Stone, a Florida Democrat who heads the Middle East subcommittee of the Senate Foreign *Relations Committee*, said that the U.S. always tells Israel that it will supply it with advanced weapons "and for that you should give up your buffer territory."

It was this, the senator said, that had led Israel to make concessions and permitted the great breakthrough at Camp David. But, he said, "to the extent that this reliability and trustworthiness has been lessened by this move, this makes further concessions rather difficult."

Stone said that he saw a parallel between Taiwan, which until now was a secure air and naval base, and Israel, which has similar facilities. At a time when the U.S. 7th Fleet is in a position of numerical weakness, *and the situation in Iran is* deteriorating, the U.S. should continue to depend on Israel, to guarantee oil supplies not only to itself, but also to Western Europe and Japan, the senator argued.

Nissim scores U.S. attacks on Israel

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "The American administration has permitted itself to overstep all bounds of good taste in the unprecedented attacks *it has* unleashed on Israel in the last few days," Minister without Portfolio Moshe Nissim said yesterday.

Nissim, who is also Likud Executive chairman, was speaking to an audience of his party's activists, and voicing what party pundits said was "more than *his own private* opinion."

He took particular issue with the accusations made by the American "senior official" who asserted that Israel has been distorting the truth and misleading world opinion. Nissim called on the official to recall *the praises heaped by the American* administration and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance on the November 21 decision of the Israel cabinet to sign the draft treaty, as formulated by November 11 with Washington's blessings.

"What has happened since then to make precisely the same decision so worthy of condemnation today?" Nissim asked. "The plain fact of the matter is that Egypt's method is to constantly up the ante by making *new* demands, which the U.S. then pressures Israel to accept, lest it be accused of sabotaging the peace process. *This is a one-sided attitude* which cannot be squared with honest mediation and which Israel cannot accept," Nissim said.

"With all the affinity and friendship which we feel for the U.S. we cannot accept the U.S. administration's attempt to cover up the fact that Israel alone has taken considerable dangers upon *itself for the sake of peace...Egypt has* conceded nothing and its sole contribution to peace was its willingness to talk," the minister claimed.

The recent developments in Iran and the Americans' dumping of Taiwan "oblige Israel to stand up to outside pressures and carefully weigh any more dangers it exposes itself to," Nissim contended.

Mapam secretariat recommends dissolution of Alignment

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A recommendation to disband the Labour-Mapam Alignment and replace it with a looser arrangement was approved by the Mapam Secretariat yesterday.

The recommendation will be *brought to the party convention* which meets in February. But it is not binding and the convention delegates could in theory reject it.

The recommendation adopted yesterday calls for replacing the present Alignment with a "Labour-Mapam Front." This looser association would mean frequent consultations and compromises between the positions of both parties, an arrangement which would give Mapam a more equal voice with Labour.

There is considerable resentment within Mapam over what is considered "the automatic majority" for any Labour stand within the existing Alignment arrangement. The recommendation, which will be put before the convention, will advocate a connection with Labour in which the minority (Mapam) would not *have to bow to the wishes of the* Labour majority.

The proposed arrangement would mean an ad hoc association between the two parties instead of the more permanent Alignment connection. Consultations would take place on every issue and a joint Knesset list might be agreed upon on such a basis. Mapam at present has five Knesset members.

The left-wing party yesterday also came out in support of the government on the controversy of the peace talks deadlock. Mapam secretary-general Meir Talmi read out a statement asserting that Egypt bears the full blame for the hitches in the talks, "as it has in recent days considerably hardened its position. The Israel government must bring this to the attention of world opinion so the onus for the current impasse is not put on Israel."

VANCE PROPOSALS

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• A date for the exchange of ambassadors.

Vance said that this last point was the most difficult one and explained that it had been agreed in advance to speed up the exchange of envoys in return for a faster Israel withdrawal from Sinai. "This is a question of a bargain that had been tentatively struck before, and fell *apart when the accelerated* withdrawal could not take place and when the *quid pro quo* for that was withdrawn."

"The New York Times" yesterday rejected President Jimmy Carter's charge that the failure to sign the peace treaty by December 17 (the deadline fixed at Camp David) was entirely due to Israel. He "unjustly *blames only Israel,*" an editorial said.

"The Washington Star" wrote in a similar vein in its editorial column yesterday, that the U.S. had stopped playing the role of a fair mediator and "instead we have sponsored Egypt's new demands." The paper added that in order to get the peace talks going again "President Carter must stop pretending that the hardheadedness of Prime Minister Begin is the only complicating factor. It is not."

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route and seal off the space under the back seat. Another proposal to provide transparent seats had also been discussed.

The bus ripped apart yesterday was a standard "narrow beam" bus and the bomb had been hidden under the back seat. Egged spokesmen in Jerusalem were not available for comment.

A source in the Transport Ministry, while emphasizing that the ministry was not responsible for follow ups of committee recommendations or transport security, surmised that there would be a re-examination of the procedures.

"Basically, Egged is responsible for security in its buses, just as schools see to security on their premises," he said.

Last night Kollek said that the June committee had recommended that bus routes from the eastern part of the city to the western suburbs should not be split up, as demanded by Bayit Vagan residents. This policy was also accepted by the government.

"Nothing like this will make us change our minds about reinforcing the status of a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel," the mayor said.

Bayit Vagan residents demonstrated last night, reiterating demands that the bus route be changed or split into two sections.

Both Kollek and the Jerusalem police *commander*, Tat-Nitzav Zvi Ben-Eliahu, emphasized that public awareness was the key to any successful campaign against this form of indiscriminate terrorism.

Ironically, police and troops were on alert yesterday, the last day of the three-month settlement freeze agreed upon at Camp David. But the emphasis of the alert was against potential illegal settlement attempts by Gush Emunim.

Roadblocks and troops were deployed along certain roads leading to Judea and Samaria that might have served potential settlers as routes towards areas they intend to settle. But no incidents were reported.

A gypsy folk music troupe from Yugoslavia — the Javanovic Brothers — arrived in Israel over the weekend and will be serenading guests at the Forum Palace Hotel in Tel Aviv with a varied repertoire of gypsy music from Yugoslavia, Rumania, Russia and Hungary. (Israel Sun)

Cabinet to decide whether to discuss autonomy scheme

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The cabinet will next week decide whether or not it wants to place on its agenda a debate about the nature of the autonomy scheme for Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. Premier Menahem Begin made this announcement at yesterday's weekly cabinet session, at the insistence of Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon.

Sharon tried in vain to raise the issue yesterday, as well as last Friday. He tabled a written request in the form of a motion for the cabinet agenda. Begin declined to put the matter on yesterday's agenda, so Sharon got a word in edgewise, in the course of the discussion on the 1979/80 state budget.

However, Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan explained that the time was not ripe for such a discussion, in view of the impasse in the principal negotiations with Egypt, and also in view of the fact that the committee chaired by Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, was still engaged in detailed planning for the autonomy.

Sharon was the only minister to mention the matter yesterday. Last Friday, however, Minister without Portfolio Haim Landau, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i all said the cabinet must debate autonomy.

Last month the matter was aired by Landau, who demanded that the cabinet get its ideas straight about autonomy, and about what Israel should expect from the scheme, before the negotiators sat around the table and created *faits accomplis.*

Landau said then in the cabinet, and repeated last night to *The Jerusalem Post*, that there must be linkage between the autonomy and the Sinai negotiations. In that sense, Landau said, Israel should not agree to a Sinai settlement unless the autonomy arrangement was found to be fully satisfactory.

Peres blasts W. Bank autonomy idea

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres asserted last night that the government's *autonomy concept, "apart from the* dangers inherent in its implementation, is harmful from the start, because it has damaged Israeli-Egyptian relations."

Peres was addressing a meeting of the Labour Party bureau and its Knesset faction.

He added that Labour is "severely critical of the way the negotiations have been managed; but, at the same time, it totally rejects all the pressure applied on Israel from the outside."

The party bureau did not reach any decisions, but it may meet again following today's meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

The Mapam Central Committee will also convene tomorrow to take up the question of the impasse in the peace talks. Mapam is expected to call on the government to continue *the peace process and not to abandon* the autonomy idea for the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Gush gives gov't 'a few days' for new W. Bank settlement

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Gush Emunim announced yesterday that unless the government decides to establish new settlements in Judea and Samaria, the movement will do so "without permission." The Gush gave the government "a few days" to make *up its mind.*

Last Thursday Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, chairman of the Ministerial Settlement Committee, was reported as saying no new settlements are expected in the West Bank despite the end of the three-month freeze.

The movement announcement said settlement is "the last dam" against the loss of Judea, Samaria and the Jordan Valley. Those areas will become a PLO state, it warned, if Israel gives them up.

Unless the government decides to establish new settlements, "*garinim*" (*settlement nuclei*) will move in without permission," the organization warned. It said several *garinim* are ready to move immediately.

Gush Emunim is planning a demonstration in Jerusalem in a few days "to remind the government that the people are waiting for the announcement of a clear plan for the *large-scale settlement* of thousands in Judea and Samaria," the announcement said.

Gershon Shafat, the organization's political secretary, told *The Jerusalem Post* that funds earmarked for Negev development should be transferred to West Bank *projects.*

In a separate development, the military government in Ramallah contacted Gush Emunim's Beit El settlers to find out what steps should be taken to halt a jaundice epidemic that has already hit seven settlers.

The settlers have charged that the *military government prevented* repairs of a sewer they had built. It caved in as a result of rain.

Yehuda Tamir, a member of Beit El's secretariat, told *The Post* that a *court order barring development* work refers to a 67-dunam area that does not include the sewer. But the military governor had extended the ban to a 250-dunam area that does include it, Tamir said.

Anata landowners lose case against seizure

The High Court of Justice in Jerusalem yesterday rejected the application of 41 Arab landowners from Anata, a village north of Jerusalem, to stop the West Bank military government seizing 1,700 dunams of land to build an army camp.

The landowners, represented by lawyer Elias Khouri, complained that they had worked the land — seized in August — "for generations," and that it had really been seized for Jewish civilian settlement and not for military purposes at all.

Khouri asserted that under present conditions there was no reason to build a military base on privately owned land when state land in the area would serve this purpose equally well.

The application was filed at the end of last week and the duty justice issued a temporary injunction forbidding the army to carry out work on the seized land.

Khouri told Justices Yoel Sussman, Yitzhak Kahan and Shlomo Ascher that the seizure of the land contravened the Hague Convention, which states that land may only be seized in enemy territory in the event of hostile operations. In the absence of these, Khouri claimed, the military government had *overstepped its authority, even if it* really intended to build a military installation.

The attorney said that the government has one million dunams of state land in the West Bank and could build army camps on that land. Sussman said: "I'm only a captain in the army and I don't have adequate information about where the army should build its camps. That's a matter for generals."

Dorit Beinish of the state attorney's office told the court that a map submitted by the applicants, showing plans for the construction of industrial installations on the seized land was out of date. She said she was prepared to give details of the planned military installations but for security reasons would not do so in open court.

Beinish stressed that the installation would be purely military and handed the judges written details of the project. Asked whether she could give any indication of the length of time the installation would exist, she said that it would not be a temporary camp.

The judges rejected the application and cancelled the temporary injunction. They said they would issue their reasoned judgement at a later date.

Justice Aharon Barak decided not to join the panel because he had handled the question of the Anata *lands during his term as attorney-general.* (Itim)

MINISTERS AGAINST BUDGET

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Katz said the estimate of tax revenue contained in the proposals does not include any provision for intensification of tax collection or war on black capital. He demanded the *implementation of a concrete* deterrent programme for the punishment of tax offenders.

Absorption Minister David Levy depicted the shoppers' plight by saying that nowadays a basketload of banknotes is needed to buy a small pursefull of goods. The government's *order of priorities, as* reflected in the budget proposals, must be changed, he said. The recently published index figures, which showed a jump of 6.2 per cent in the cost of living, indicated sins of omission rather than commission, he added. The Likud had come to power on the *basis of large promises, but* these had melted away. The budget must be corrected forthwith, Levy concluded.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i presented his own proposals for a new and comprehensive economic policy, with the emphasis on curbing inflation, at yesterday's cabinet. He told reporters when he came out of the meeting that he is demanding that his programme be adopted immediately, without waiting for the *new budget year.*

Moda'i claimed that in terms of his programme it would be possible to increase the budget by 8 per cent, and at the same time cut the rate of inflation to 32 per cent. Ehrlich's proposed budget envisages inflation continuing to run at the present rate.

Other main targets of the Moda'i plan are increased economic growth, cutting the trade balance deficit and closing the social gap. Moda'i outlined to the cabinet the steps that would *be necessary to achieve these goals.* The government would have to stop all extra-budgetary activities, reduce the flow of money to the economy by cutting the amount of cheap credit available to the stronger sectors, and appreciably raise the interest rate on such credit.

The government and local authorities would have to make manpower cuts of 5 per cent, employ civil servants on the basis of individual contracts instead of collective agreements, and stagger working *hours in the public service.*

Moda'i is also demanding that the government collect an additional IL10b. in taxes, and fix a minimum wage and a national pension law to *help the dependent population.*

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, possibly reflecting his disillusion with his colleagues because of their failure to support his attempt to end the high school teachers' strike, also called for structural changes in the proposed budget, to *prevent the weak from being hurt.*

The government gave Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gafny the expected permission to demand 20 per cent liquidity obligations on foreign currency loans to customers. At first, the 20 per cent liquidity obligation payments will have to be deposited with the *central bank* on all loans granted from December 6 — in other words, from the time the Bank of Israel's intention to demand the payments became known. The new regulations were published on December 11. The purpose of the retroactivity is to penalize the commercial banks for an alleged rush in granting big foreign currency loans before the regulations were published.

Index revamp

By SHLOMO MA'OZ
Post Economic Reporter

The consumer price index was determined scientifically and objectively and there is no room for discussion or intervention, Shlomo *Lorincz MK, chairman of the* Knesset Finance Committee, said yesterday. Lorincz thus summed up the discussion in the committee on the index and the treasury's intention of removing the housing component from the calculation of the cost-of-living index.

Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich said earlier, when leaving the cabinet meeting at which the state budget was discussed, that the "13-year-old index should be revised" and that his ministry was preparing such a proposal.

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The Family

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Farmers warn: No credit means food shortages

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Farmers warned yesterday of possible serious shortages of poultry meat and other basic foodstuffs next year, if the government does not honour its credit obligations to them.

Speaking at a press conference organized by the Histadrut's Agriculture Centre, Ra'anan Naim of the Moshav Movement's purchasing organization said chicken farmers have demanded that the agriculture ministry raise the poultry quota to 140,000 tons. Last year's quota was 120,000 tons, but consumption exceeded this, cutting by 10,000 tons into frozen reserves. Despite this, there were shortages in table birds.

The agriculture ministry's response was that it had no budget for increasing the quota. This, said Naim, meant there will be worse shortages in the coming year.

The farmers claim that a total of IL1b. is owing to them in agricultural credits, mainly in cheap loans. The ministry of agriculture spokesman said it was true the money had not been paid, but this was the fault of the treasury. He added that, according to his information, the treasury is on the point of releasing the sums to the farmers.

Naim said shortages were also forecast in the egg and milk sectors. Dairy farmers have begun selling some of their milk cows to slaughterhouses, because of the low profitability of the sector.

Predicting a potato shortage as well by Pessah, Naim concluded: "I think the government should give us credit and allow us to overproduce a little. This will keep prices down... If we don't get government credit there will be shortages, and a new austerity ministry will have to be formed. I don't have to tell you that such a ministry would cost more than all the credit we got from the government."

Emanuel Friedlander, Mekorot board chairman, gave examples of how the credit squeeze affects agriculture. In terms of a recent decision of the minister of energy, the Electric Corporation is giving its clients 10 days to pay their bills. For a company like Mekorot this means finding IL100m. Eventually, the squeeze is passed on to the farmer.

The Jerusalem Post learned from informed agriculture ministry sources that the budget proposals for the coming fiscal year are likely to squeeze the farmers even worse.

Ministry of agriculture policy is that, if there are any cheap loans, they will be available only for export crops. It is feared that farmers will produce less for the local market and more for exports, causing shortages in the local market.

A zoo worker inspects Bobby, the wounded chimpanzee, in a net and cage at the Tel Aviv zoo, shortly before the monkey died. Police shot him after a chase through the city. (IPPA)

Escaped chimp shot at end of Tel Aviv chase

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A 60-kilo, 1.60-metre chimpanzee escaped from the city zoo yesterday and, after a rampage through business and residential streets, was shot and killed by police.

Before Bobby was shot, he managed to attack a pedestrian, smash an art framing shop, overturn a photo studio and ransack an apartment balcony.

A zoo official said the escape by Bobby was the first in 35 years from the zoo.

The chimp, a former circus entertainer donated to the zoo because of unruly behaviour, escaped from a heated sleeping cage at 9:15 a.m., while a zoo handler was moving apes into another cage.

Heading out of the zoo into Ibn Gabirol, the ape was first spotted at 9:30, hurtling through the front window of an art shop. In a violent attack on modern art, he stomped on pictures piled on the floor.

Before the shop owner could stop him, the chimp ran out. He was next seen attacking pedestrian Yigal Drori at the intersection of Reines and Gordon. Drori, 37, who was beaten and dragged several metres, said later he thought the chimp "was King Kong."

After the encounter with Drori, the chimp, trailed by pedestrians, took refuge in the upper branches of a tree in the garden of 47 Reines.

Police and zoo officials, alerted by the cage handler and passersby, gathered at the small garden and tried to coax the ape out of the tree with fruit.

But instead of taking the bananas, which were laced with a tranquillizer, the chimp jumped to a Gottlieb Street apartment porch, where he proceeded to destroy flower pots and a transistor radio.

At that point police and zoo officials decided to shoot the ape. Bobby was hit by bullets in the head and legs.

Despite the wounds, the chimp managed to run to a nearby photo shop where he overturned containers and toppled shelves. Finally, weakened by his wounds, he was unable to resist a net thrown over him by animal handlers.

Bleeding profusely the ape was taken back to the zoo, but he died before adequate medical treatment could be provided.

Zoo officials said the ape's body would be taken to the Beit Dagon veterinary institute for an autopsy, and would later be stuffed.

Asked to comment about Bobby's last hours, one Tel Aviv resident sniffed, "Any sane monkey wandering along Ibn Gabirol would have committed suicide."

'Transport budget cuts will cause more road deaths'

By AARON SITTNER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

More people will be killed, more work hours will be lost and more petrol will be wasted unless the treasury backtracks from its "dangerous" budget squeeze on the Transport Ministry.

That ominous warning came yesterday from Ehud Shilo, director-general of the ministry, in urgent letters to Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich.

Shilo has headed the ministry since the resignation of Transport Minister Meir Amit on September 13.

Instead of a "minimum" development budget of IL600m. for 1979, says Shilo, the treasury's budget division has allocated only IL380m. "And they propose to put a total and absolute freeze on work towards completion of the vital Netivei Ayalon project, a route projected as the main traffic conduit serving the country's heartland," Shilo complained.

Shilo added: "This pittance of a sum they offer would barely enable us to pay our debts for past development work. Such a course is dangerous. While car ownership and use has risen 20-fold in the past 15 years, expansion of roadways has not even increased twofold! This means more lives lost in increasing road accidents — an average of 1,500 road mishaps a month, with 1,000 persons injured and more than 50 killed."

The halt in highway development resulting from the budget cutback would also have "most serious economic consequences," Shilo points out. "As bottlenecks at city approaches worsen, precious fuel will be wasted, hundreds of thousands of work hours will be lost through traffic delays and environmental quality will plummet as exhaust fumes pollute the atmosphere.

"If a price tag could be set for this damage, I would put it at tens of millions of pounds a day," he warned.

"I must warn you that unless there is a change in the budget division's position, the state of affairs in our transportation and road systems will continue to deteriorate at a fast pace, with the economy incurring heavy losses, both in money and in lives," he concluded.

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Man jailed for four years for stabbing pianist

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Shimshon Zonenshvili, 47, who stabbed a musician in an immigrant hotel in Netanya in July, was sentenced to four years in prison yesterday in district court.

Zonenshvili stabbed Sophia Strubman, 24, because her piano practising disturbed his rest. A month before the stabbing he warned her that he would hurt her if she continued to disturb him with her music, but she told him to go to the devil. In July he met her on the steps of the immigrant hostel and stabbed her in the throat with a clasp knife. As a result, Strubman, who is a singer and pianist, was forced to stop her musical activities.

More UN votes equate Zionism with racism

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Over Israel's protest, the UN General Assembly voted three times on Saturday in favour of a declaration that links Zionism with racism.

Ilana Ben-Ami of the Israel delegation told the assembly its actions revived "the tendentious formula of 1975," when it passed an Arab-authored resolution that called Zionism "a form of racism."

"For the people of Israel," she said, "in the same way that Judaism cannot be divorced from Zionism, anti-Zionism cannot be divorced from anti-Semitism."

The assembly's actions centred on a declaration of the UN-sponsored world conference to combat racism and racial discrimination in Geneva last August that condemns "increasing relations between the Zionist state of Israel and the racist regime of South Africa" and accuses Israel of "racial discrimination" against the Palestinians.

The assembly voted on three resolutions arising out of the Geneva decision. One asked UNESCO to set up a "multi-media campaign to combat racism," and approves the Geneva declaration; the second "endorses" the Geneva declaration and asks for a UN study of the possibility of setting up an international voluntary fund for "national liberation movements in their struggle against racism and apartheid"; and the third deals with new ratifications of previous decisions on apartheid.

The first resolution was passed by 107 to 11, with 18 abstentions, and the second by 101 to 19 with 15 abstentions. At this point 12 countries walked out: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the EEC nine. Those voting against the first resolution were the above 12 plus Israel, Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Guatemala joined the opponents in the vote on the second resolution.

New Ramot road opens with compromise on Sabbath use

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The new dual-carriageway road to Ramot in northern Jerusalem was officially opened yesterday after city officials achieved what they hope will be a compromise over the road's use on the Sabbath.

Residents of the Orthodox neighbourhood of Kiryat Zanz, which the road skirts, had objected to it on the grounds that traffic would violate the sanctity of the Sabbath. They staged mass demonstrations more than a year ago to make their objections plain.

The new road, which runs for 2.4 kilometres from near Ramot Eshkol to Ramot, is intended to replace a 3.6km. road opened to Ramot shortly after the Six Day War. The old road is only five to six metres wide and has sharp turns and steep sections. The new road is double the width and well graded.

Mayor Teddy Kollek met yesterday with the neighbourhood committees from Kiryat Zanz and Ramot. He told the Orthodox group that the municipality had no authority to close the road, which was built by the Public Works Department, to Sabbath traffic.

Under a compromise he proposed, the Ramot committee agreed to distribute a circular to residents in its neighbourhood calling on them to refrain voluntarily from travelling on the new road on the Sabbath, and to use the old road instead.

The Kiryat Zanz committee, according to a municipal spokesman, agreed to distribute a circular in its neighbourhood as well, noting that the Ramot committee is calling for voluntary restraint. In the event that cars do use the road on the sabbath, the Kiryat Zanz residents are called upon to likewise exercise restraint.

A municipal spokeswoman said yesterday that the old road is more dangerous than the new and nothing can be done to prevent people travelling on the new road whenever they want to.

Religious zealots stoned a doctor's car on Saturday afternoon where the new road passes Sanhedriya Murhevet, a religious neighbourhood.

Knesset to mark Golda's memory

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset meets this afternoon at 4 p.m. for a special memorial session on the seventh day following the interment of the late Premier Golda Meir.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin is due to speak for the government, with Shimon Peres representing the Alignment as the largest opposition faction. Speaker Yitzhak Shamir will open the session with a few words of his own in Golda's memory.

Later this afternoon, probably around 5:30, following a brief recess, the House will resume for the Shell no-confidence motion concerning the high school teachers' strike.

1,500 protest Menten's release

THE HAGUE (Reuter). — Some 1,500 people, including former Nazi war prisoners, demonstrated here on Saturday against the release from jail of millionaire art collector Peter Menten. They marched from the city's conference centre to a war memorial.

Menten, 79, was freed on December 4 by order of a Dutch court which ruled that a promise of immunity given to him by the justice minister in 1952 was binding.

A year ago he was jailed for 15 years for the murder of between 20 and 30 Poles, mostly Jews, in Poland in 1941 when he worked for the Nazi SS as an interpreter.

Temporary injunction halts takeover of Egged's northern management

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A temporary injunction obtained by the Egged bus cooperative's national secretariat has halted — at least for the present — an attempt by Egged opposition faction "Mifneh" (Change) to take over management of the northern region. Local bus service was normal yesterday.

The Mifneh faction, which swept the company's elections in the northern area last month, favours merger with the Dan cooperative and opposed the recent fight over the No. 48 line from Herzliya to Tel Aviv. On the basis of their overwhelming majority in the northern area, Mifneh notified Egged's central management — which is still dominated by the incumbent "Alternative" faction — of their intention to take over local management in the north "as is usual after elections."

Local Mifneh leader Shlomo Levy said they would scrupulously abide by the court injunction and would decide on their future action in light of developments. He claimed that it is the victor's natural prerogative to take over the regional management.

National Egged spokesman Rafi Rosenberg said yesterday that since negotiations for the composition of the new secretariat are still under way, there had been no cause for the Haifa Mifneh faction's attempt to take over the local management.

Arab-Jewish fest to highlight J'lem Histadrut Month

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Histadrut Month in Jerusalem opens tomorrow evening, marking the 58th anniversary of the birth of the labour federation.

Mollie Dor, coordinator of events, said the Jerusalem "month" — which will last only two weeks — will begin officially with a Jewish-Arab get-together in the Arab village of Abu Ghosh. Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel plans to participate, along with representatives of the Prime Minister's Office.

Later in the evening, an entertainment programme will be held at Binyenei Ha'ooma.

On Wednesday, approximately 1,000 Arab workers in the city will be guests at a special reception in their honour at the Stella Maris auditorium, tendered by the Jerusalem Labour Council.

Druse scandalized by illicit affair

ACRE. — The extra-marital love affair of a Druse man and woman, with children between them, is causing a storm among the Druse community in the North.

The woman, a 35-year-old housewife, deserted her husband and seven children on November 25. Her family later discovered that she had married a 40-year-old married man with seven children of his own. The lovers are both from the village of Julis near here.

When the woman's parents determined that the couple had deliberately planned their flight, they placed a notice in "Al-Anba" newspaper disclaiming responsibility for their daughter's behaviour.

The couple's whereabouts are not known. The Druse community's spiritual leaders have been asked to intervene to help solve this romantic tangle — an extremely unusual occurrence in this conservative community.

Israel XI faces crack Rumanian team

By PAUL KOHN, Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rumania will field a highly experienced team against Israel in their international soccer match at Bloomfield Stadium tomorrow.

Rumanian manager Stefan Kovacs said his team was one of the best his country has fielded. In Bucharest, it beat Yugoslavia 3-2 and lost 0-1 in Spain in recent European Cup matches. On their way to Israel the Rumanians lost 1-2 to Greece in Athens, but that defeat Kovacs described as "undeserved and incidental." Earlier, Rumania beat Greece 6-1.

Kovacs, 58, has been in charge of the Rumanian national team for three years and previously was manager of the French national team for three years and crack Dutch club Ajax for two seasons. Kovacs said the relationship between the Rumanian and Israeli football associations was "most friendly," and he was pleased that Israel was now in a Western European group in the Olympic Games soccer competition.

The Rumanians trained at Bloomfield Stadium yesterday but found the pitch "poor and bumpy." The players felt hot here compared to the minus-15 degrees Rumania is currently experiencing, Kovacs said. The team, named yesterday, includes Anghel Iordanescu and Nicolae Dobrin, attacking players who have 49 and 48 international caps respectively.

Other experienced and internationally known players in the visiting team are Stefan Sames and Ladislav Boloni in midfield, defender Iosif Vigau and goalkeeper Narcis Coman.

Kovacs last night lectured to Israeli coaches on modern soccer techniques.

Courtroom overflows at reopened trial of mayor charged with Shabbat death

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The magistrate's court here overflowed with spectators yesterday at the reopened trial of former Bnei Brak mayor Yisrael Gottlieb. He faces manslaughter charges for the death of a jeep passenger who crashed into a Sabbath barrier in July 1977.

The trial had been postponed from last March until after this year's municipal elections. Also charged is the Bnei Brak municipality and the jeep driver, David Patou.

Herzl Attiya, 22, was killed when the jeep Patou was driving slammed into a chain strung across Rehov Hashomer, a Bnei Brak thoroughfare.

Gottlieb allegedly ordered the chain hung across the street for Sabbaths to appease religious citizens.

The first witness at the trial, traffic inspector Rafael Tahoun, told the court that he had ordered Gottlieb to remove the chain before the accident took place.

The accident heightened emotions during an already tense period, when a dispute over closing the street for the Sabbath had created a bitter conflict between religious and secular residents of the mainly religious town.

'Clarification' talks held between teachers, Education Ministry chief

By BENNY MORRIS, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Leaders of the Secondary School Teachers Association met yesterday evening with Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli to discuss the teachers' strike.

In what were described as clarification talks, Shmueli and the teachers' representatives discussed the terms of reference and activities of the proposed commission on the status of the country's teachers.

Shmueli told *The Jerusalem Post* that the talks were "friendly and constructive" and that further meetings were planned.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer reviewed his ministry's activities on behalf of the out of school high school pupils at yesterday's cabinet meeting. He spoke of the special efforts being made to prepare 12th-graders for the matriculation examinations during the continuing teachers' strike.

More women working than ever before

By AARON SITTNER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The women's share in the labour force is growing faster than ever before, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Israel Katz reported yesterday.

He told senior aides that the work force's distaff ratio, which stood at 36 per cent in mid-1977, had risen to 38.5 per cent during the same period this year.

"The main increase is being registered among Jewish women, and their participation has probably surpassed the 37 per cent mark by now," he said.

Katz believes the women's motivation is purely economic — "to increase the family's income in face of the sharp price increases we are witnessing."

In view of this trend towards more women on the job — in industry as well as in services — more places must be made available in day care centres for children of mothers who wish to join the labour force, he said.

Sakhnin council chairman locked out

By YOEL DAR, Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — With tempers running high in Sakhnin village since last month's local elections, council chairman Jamal Tarabiya was locked out of his office yesterday.

The owner of the building that houses the council's offices locked the premises last week fearing possible violence if Tarabiya took the chairman's seat.

Yesterday, dozens of policemen rushed to the village to open the offices, responding to orders from the council chairman. But the chairman did not appear and, after waiting two hours, the police commander returned to Acre with his forces.

When Tarabiya later appeared, the police commander said his forces were busy elsewhere. As a result, the council offices are still locked, pending a court order.

This is the latest in a series of incidents since the recent elections, when a ballot box was burned before all the votes could be counted.

While Tarabiya claims to have won, his rivals dispute it and the Ministry of Interior has not yet decided what steps to take.

The ministry representative in the North has suggested that a special council be appointed to run municipal affairs and prepare for new elections.

Since the November elections, several Sakhnin residents have been injured and others arrested in brawls between rival clans.

Oil slick pollutes Coral Isle beach

EILAT (Itim). — A huge oil slick caused by the leaking of five tons of crude oil from a Zim tanker on Thursday defied efforts by Nature Reserves Authority workers to contain it and polluted a stretch of beach 300 metres than half a kilometre long opposite Coral Island over the weekend. Researchers at the Oceanographic Institute here say research divers have found serious damage to fish and plant life in the area since Thursday, with many fish killed by the effects of oil pollution.

Nature Reserves Authority officials are angry that, despite repeated appeals to the Transport Ministry for equipment to fight the effects of oil spills, the ministry has made no practical response to date.

Kaplun Prize

Isaiah Tishby, professor of Hebrew literature at the Hebrew University, last week received the Kaplun prize for scholarship.

The Kaplun prize, an annual award of $5,000, is given to scholars who have made exceptional contributions in science, the humanities and social science, and to individuals who have worked to promote peace or the welfare of Israel or the Jewish people.

Recently a number of Kaplun prizes have gone to promising young scientists and scholars.

three winners in this category for 1978 were Dr. Sara Evans Kesten-baum (social welfare), Dr. Robert Brody (Jewish studies-Talmud) and Dr. Edward Glaser (environmental sciences).

Village dries up

ACRE. — The local council in Majd el-Kurum has approved a by-law forbidding alcoholic beverages in the village.

The council's newly elected chairman explained that young men drinking in public were provoking fights and disturbing the peace.

This is the first Arab local council in Galilee which has taken such action.

Ofira Navon's mother dies in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Batya Erez Dobrovsky, mother of Ofira Navon, died on Saturday night at the age of 75.

Born in Kiev to the Spitkovsky family, she was imprisoned twice for Zionist activities and immigrated to Israel in 1921. She worked at Hadassah Hospital in Tel Aviv for 45 years as a nurse, and was head nurse in the obstetrics department.

The funeral will leave the Tel Aviv municipal funeral parlour on Rehov Dafna at 2 p.m. today for the Nahalat Yitzhak cemetery. She leaves two daughters: Ofira, wife of President Yitzhak Navon, and Vardina Erez, a director at Israel TV.

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U.S. denies Peking is able to take Taiwan

WASHINGTON. — A senior U.S. *defence official yesterday* discounted any fears that China might attempt to capture Taiwan following President Jimmy Carter's decision to sever relations with the Taipei government.

In a briefing to reporters on the military implications of America's announcement that it is establishing diplomatic relations with Peking, the official said China had neither *the intent nor the military capability* to invade Taiwan.

Peking has given no guarantees in its new arrangements with the U.S. that it will not attempt to seize Taiwan, which it claims as part of China, once the last U.S. troops there are withdrawn in the spring.

But U.S. military planners believe no invasion would be possible for at least five years, said the defence of*ficial, who asked not to be identified.*

The U.S. has said it will cancel its mutual defence treaty with Taiwan on January 1. But it has reserved the *right to continue arms sales to* Taiwan after that time, the official said.

The official said China knew the U.S. wanted Peking's dispute with Taiwan settled peacefully, and added that Chinese officials had said nothing that would go against this.

He said China also knew an invasion of Taiwan would seriously hurt its relations with the U.S. and without the necessary forces, such a military move was very unlikely.

China does not have the amphibious craft to transport troops across the 200 miles of water between the mainland and Taiwan, the official said.

Most importantly, he noted, China lacked the aircraft necessary for such an invasion.

The official said it was an open question whether the U.S. would continue its co-production agreement, which expires in 1980, for the assembly of U.S. F-5E fighters in Taiwan, or would supply even more advanced fighters.

The U.S. recently offered to extend the co-production agreement, but has received no reply from Taiwan, the official said.

The offer was made after President Carter several months ago turned down a Taiwanese request for a more advanced "G" all-weather model of the F-5 and longer range F-4 Phantom fighters, he said.

Another reason U.S. military planners believe an invasion of Taiwan is unlikely is the large forces China keeps stationed along its border with the Soviet Union

The official said the U.S. would continue its policy of supplying arms neither to China nor to the Soviet Union.

U.S. diplomatic recognition of China is not expected to hurt the nuclear arms limitation talks with the Soviet Union, which both states want very much, the official added. (There has so far been no official Soviet reaction to the establishment *of full relations between Washington* and Peking.)

The official disclosed that Taiwan had been notified of the decision on relations only hours before Friday night's White House announcement.

The official said he expected no violence against U.S. military personnel and citizens in Taiwan — and if such violence occurred, this would hurt future relations with Taiwan.

*In Hongkong, informed com*munist sources said yesterday that an official document now circulating throughout China's vast Communist *Party apparatus declares that it* may take several generations before the two rival Chinese regimes can be reunited. In the meantime, the docu*ment says, Taiwan will be permitted* to retain its own economic and political systems.

The document, first distributed by the Central Committee, the policy-making body of the party, a week ago, is being read over loudspeakers at thousands of factories, offices and communes, and has been hailed as the most sensible solution to the Taiwan problem, the sources said. The U.S. consulate in Hongkong says it has begun to detect references to the document in radio broadcasts from China's provinces, indicating that word of Peking's peaceful intentions toward Taiwan is reaching grassroots Chinese.

However, a Communist Chinese legislator was quoted yesterday as saying negotiations between Peking and Taipei would start shortly and that the Nationalist island could be re-united with the mainland in 1979

A Japanese news agency correspondent in Peking said he had learned this from Chen Yi-sung, a standing committee member of the National People's Congress who formerly represented Taiwan.

There was no way to confirm the *report immediately. Chen emphasiz*ed that these were his personal views. The peace negotiations would be adversely affected if the U.S. continues to sell defensive arms to Taiwan, Chen added. (Reuter, WPNS, UPI)

ABANDONED. *— Stunned Taiwanese read wall-posters denouncing* **the U.S. decision to break off relations. Poster in large characters says, "American dogs go home!!!"** (UPI telephoto)

Khomeini calls strike today, but oil workers back at jobs

TEHERAN. — Iran, already hit by *crippling protest stoppages in the* civil service and the vital oil industry, faces the prospect of a nationwide general strike today called *by opponents of the shah.*

Opposition sources expected the one-day strike, to mark a day of mourning for nearly 100 people killed *in recent political demonstrations,* would receive widespread support.

Most shops in Teheran's bazaar were closed yesterday and civil servants in strike-hit ministries continued to turn up for work without doing anything — part of a protest movement against Shah Reza Pahlavi and his military-led government.

At the central bank however, senior officials reported some improvement. The staff are working normally except for two hours in the morning, when they break for a political meeting.

The government has warned civil servants, including workers in the state oil industry, that they face dis*missal and loss of all privileges such* as subsidized housing and food if they do not return to work.

Meanwhile, oil industry sources say there has been an improvement in attendance by workers, pushing daily oil output up to 2.2 million barrels (compared to the *normal six* million) — the highest daily figure for more than a week.

The governor of the oil province of *Khuzestan, General Boghrat* Jafarian, said workers at the world's biggest oil refinery at Abadan had started going back to work and predicted that others would gradually return.

However, a clear picture of attendance in the oil industry and the civil service was not expected until *tomorrow.*

In a reaction to the heavy-handed action by troops and pro-shah demonstrators in several towns last *week,* doctors and nurses met at Teheran's Pahlavi Hospital yesterday and decided not to treat troops or their relatives under the medical insurance scheme.

"From now on they will have to pay cash," one doctor said.

In Brussels, diplomatic sources reported that the oil strike had cut off the *flow* of Iranian natural gas to the USSR, which threatened to interfere with an important Soviet trade agreement with Western Europe.

The USSR imports substantial quantities of natural gas from Iran and then delivers domestic gas to Western Europe, which brings sorely needed foreign cash to Kremlin coffers.

In Paris, the self-exiled leader of the Iranian religious opposition, Ayatollah Khomeini, charged Israeli experts were readying to replace striking oil workers in Iran.

If they do so, Khomeini said, the Iranian people "have the right to consider them as mercenaries and to struggle against them with arms."

But he added a phrase seen by observers as intended to make clear *that Iranian Jews were not involved,* saying that they "will have all their rights" under a future religious regime. (Reuter, AP, WPNS)

Uranium may run short by 1990, expert warns

PARIS (AP). — The world's uranium supply should be just sufficient to meet demand in 1985, but problems could arise by 1990, when stocks will be exhausted, a French nuclear expert warned on Friday.

Georges Besse, who heads France's nuclear reprocessing and uranium enrichment unit, said world demand for uranium was likely to reach 100,000 tons by 1985, compared with 30,000 tons next year.

The U.S. is expected to supply 16,000 tons next year and France 4,200 tons, including its output from the African countries of Niger and Gabon, Besse said. He said it took about eight years to get a uranium mine fully operational.

Algiers says Morocco dropping arms

ALGIERS (Reuter). — Algeria charged yesterday that a Moroccan plane dropped arms and ammunition off its coast last Sunday and has accused Morocco of a serious violation *of its national security.*

The alleged incident was reported for the first time in an official communique released on Saturday night after the Algerian government met to discuss the matter.

The statement, carried by the official Algerian news agency, APS, said a Moroccan plane dropped the arms consignment about two kilometres off the Algerian coast, *175km. east of Algiers.*

It said the drop could have been made to foster unrest in the country. Algerian President Houari Boumedienne has been in a coma for almost a month, and executive power has been assumed by the Council of the Revolution.

The statement said the load included 191 pistols, 100 rifles, three automatic rifles, ammunition and explosives. The entire load was recovered "following the quick action of the security forces and the population," APS reported.

It said an inquiry into the incident had established that the plane was a C-130 cargo plane from the Moroccan Air Force. "This operation was a *serious violation of the* (Algerian) national security," the communique said, and claimed the incident was part of a far-reaching, aggressive campaign launched by the Moroccan regime against Algeria.

Waaaaaaaaaaaah? Aaaaaaaaaaaah!

LONDON (Reuter). — A British scientist claims to have solved a problem which has baffled mankind since the dawn of time — how to stop *a baby crying.*

Dr. Michael Bennett says he has found that, unless the baby is ill, wet or hungry, it will stop howling and go *to sleep if it can no longer hear its* own screams.

His remedy is to take a deep breath and then say "Aaaaaaaah" — spreading that over 20 seconds.

So far, however, nobody else at Hillingdon Hospital, where Dr. Bennett is studying how infants react to sound, has managed to say "Aaaaaaaa" with quite the same effect.

Beverly Hills goes to the dogs

LOS ANGELES (Reuter). — A controversial Saudi Arabian sheikh living in Beverly Hills has sold or given *away all of his 60 pedigree dogs,* an animal rescue group said here yesterday.

It said 23-year-old Sheikh Muhammad Al-Fassi, who once upset his wealthy neighbours by spraying nude statues on his estate with flesh-coloured paint and covering his outside walls with plastic flowers, donated 25 of the dogs to the group and sold the rest.

"Our phone has hardly stopped ringing because so many people are asking for the dogs and many want to give them to their children as Christmas presents," an official of the Pet Orphans Rescue Group said.

Experts disagree with NSC study

Mexican oil reserves may prove a letdown

WASHINGTON. — Recent discoveries of vast oil reserves in Mexico may not turn out to be the windfall to the U.S. they were once expected to be.

This revelation comes close on the *heels of a National Security Council* draft study describing Mexico as "the most promising new source" of oil in the 1980s and suggesting that U.S. President Jimmy Carter consider a serious upgrading in that country's priority among U.S. *foreign policy interests.*

After months of analysing claims of huge reserves south of the American border, senior energy experts here now say they doubt if Mexican oil will be avilable in large enough quantities to tip the balance against the OPEC oil cartel. Mexico has said it does not intend joining OPEC.

Prior to the huge new discoveries, Department of Energy officials had estimated that Mexico contained 20 billion barrels of proven reserves, 37 billion barrels of probable reserves and 200 billion barrels of potential reserves.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), which also monitors such *matters, is more conservative,* estimating that Mexico has proven and probable reserves totalling 30 billion barrels.

These figures do not include the recently reported find of a field south of Tampico, in southeast Mexico, with reserves estimated at 106 billion barrels.

The totals put Mexico in the same league with Saudi Arabia with 150 billion barrels of proven reserves, *Kuwait with 71b., Iran with 60b.* and the United Arab Emirates with 34b. barrels.

But the comparison ends there, ac*cording to U.S. officials.*

One of the largest fields in Mexico, the Samaria in northern Mexico, is producing about 300,000 barrels a day. *This is impressive,* they say, but not when pitted against the Saudi Arabian Ghawar field, which pumps out 5.3 million barrels daily.

Moreover, the new field south of Tampico will be difficult and expensive to exploit since its treasures are locked in clay. This will make it necessary to sink some 16,000 wells, Mexican officials have said, a situation similar to Texas where the landscape in some regions is covered with thousands of oil derricks.

Oil analysts familiar with the area said it was possible that these wells would produce very slowly and they have doubts about how much of the potential reserves will be economically viable.

Last week, President Carter said the National Security Council memorandum could serve as the basis for his impending negotiations in February in Mexico City with President Jose Lopez Portillo.

"For the U.S., Mexico represents a major new energy source, presently outside OPEC. Mexico could fill 20 per cent of U.S. import needs by the mid-1980s, thus enhancing security of supply and more than compen*sating for the decline of Venezuelan* and Canadian supplies," the draft study asserts.

More important, however, the outcome of PRM-41 (as the classified study is known within the foreign policy bureaucracy) could shape a new generation of U.S.-Mexican relations. A draft of the Mexico PRM sets forth these possible results that could come from a redirection of Washington's policy toward Mexico. It could provide an alternative to increased dependence on Arab oil; and access to some of what the CIA estimates could be as much as 10m. barrels of Mexican oil production a day by 1990. It could result in a sanctioned programme for Mexican aliens now immigrating illegally to the U.S. at the rate of hundreds of thousands a year. And it could result in lowering tariff and other trade barriers to Mexican exports.

The U.S. is buying some 300,000 barrels a day from Mexico, a portion of which is going into the country's *growing strategic oil reserve,* expected to hit one billion barrels by 1985.

But Mexican oil costs as much as OPEC oil. $12.70 a barrel, and the Mexicans have not seen any reason to change this policy.

The U.S. currently needs about 18 million barrels a day to run its economy. Of this, approximately 8m. barrels are imported.

Mexico has projected its total oil production will hit 2.2m. barrels a day by 1980 and U.S. officials say privately they expect it to produce five to six million barrels a day by 1985. It is not certain now how much of this production will be used internally by Mexico. But even in 1985 it does not appear to U.S. experts that Mexico would export enough to hurt OPEC's cartel. (Reuter, WPNS)

Somoza starts talks with foes

MANAGUA (Reuter). — Nicaragua's opposition leaders began talks yesterday with the government of President Anastasio Somoza after dozens of political prisoners were freed on Saturday under an amnesty.

The two sides met in the Guatemalan embassy in the presence of a three-nation mediation team led by the U.S. They approved an agenda and agreed to meet again today, *informed sources said.*

The ruling Liberal Party and the Opposition Front (FAO), which comprises 15 anti-Somoza groups, have *agreed on scheduling a plebiscite on* whether Somoza should remain in office. But they have not agreed on what should happen afterwards.

The FAO wants Somoza to leave the country if he loses. But the Somoza side proposes a Liberal-FAO-Independent coalition, no matter what the vote is.

Before agreeing to direct talks with the government, the FAO demanded the re-establishment of constitutional rights, the release of political prisoners and relaxation of radio and television censorship.

The talks, including mediators Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, began as about 60 prisoners were freed from jails in Managua under an amnesty decreed by *General Somoza,* whose family has ruled Nicaragua for 40 years.

They included a left-wing Sandinista guerrilla, Alejandro Perez *Cassar, who told reporters he plan*ned to resume guerrilla activity immediately.

The Sandinistas have dissociated themselves from the talks and have promised to launch a new offensive similar to the September uprising which claimed some 2,500 lives.

10 hurt as IRA blasts English cities

LONDON. — Five bombs bearing all the hallmarks of the Provisional wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army blasted five British cities yesterday, injuring at least 10 people.

The bombs ripped into shopping centres in Liverpool, Manchester, Coventry, Bristol and Southampton just after 1 a.m., when crowds were light.

No authority would officially say that the blasts were the work of the IRA, but their coordinated nature — all came within an hour — and the *size and placing of the explosives* were identical to IRA campaigns in Northern Ireland.

Most of the bombings attributed to the *IRA have been in Northern* Ireland, but the group has sometimes extended its bombing campaign to the British mainland.

There were nearly 130 bomb attacks in the past six weeks and 338 explosions this year in Northern Ireland.

Belfast police sources said specialists were flying from the Northern Irish capital to confer with anti-terrorist experts of Scotland Yard on the attacks. They said the bombings were obvious IRA attacks and it was possible there would be at least one more wave of explosions before Christmas.

The IRA said earlier there would be no Christmas "truce" in its attacks this year.

In 1974, the IRA waged a pre-Christmas bombing campaign in London and other English cities. *Targets at that time were London's* Oxford Street, a major shopping thoroughfare, and the huge London department store Harrods. (AP, UPI)

Arab press: Should dump Israel next

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanese newspapers, which reflect all shades of thought in the Arab world, said yesterday the U.S. would eventually drop Israel as it sacrificed Taiwan for an American-Chinese rapprochement.

"The message is there," said columnist Rafik Khoury of the conservative Beirut daily "Al Anwar." "President Carter evidently wanted to demonstrate that the boom could be lowered in Israel as it was lowered in Taiwan."

The editorial noted that Saturday's announcement of the Washington-Peking agreement to exchange embassies came hard on the heels of a scuttled U.S. attempt to break deadlock in the Egyptian-Israeli *Middle East peace negotiations.*

The independent "An Nahar" said one probable byproduct of normalizing Chinese-American relations in Carter's mind was to "soften Israel's intransigence on the future of the Palestinians."

The English-language "Ike," also independent, said the U.S. finally chose to recognize the reality of close to 1 billion people in mainland China against only 18 million in Taiwan.

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But there was disappointment for us when we opened her parcel. Instead of the wonderful wardrobes for a collection of dolls there were only some very nude ones there. The sad note told us the story of how a bug attacked Rose Liberman's eyes just as she set out to make those lovely clothes.

But she is on the mend now and we hope that she will be able to set to work next year — even though her doctor says that "Mrs. Liberman's eyes are not 16 years old any more."

Five-months-old Karen Pnina does not know it but she is sharing some lovely teddy bears with some sick hospitalized children. It's a good *way to get started in life.*

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Taming the wayward missile

By JOHN GOSHKO/Washington Post News Service

UNITED NATIONS. — No longer do his strolls through the corridors of the United Nations draw packs of reporters hoping for an audacious quote. Instead, he has faded out of the headlines in a way that has caused puzzled diplomacy-watchers to ask: "Whatever became of Andrew Young?"

That is quite a change from the time, a little more than a year ago, when much of the discussion about the then-fledgling Carter Administration's foreign policy centred on what was known as "The Andy Young Problem."

Among the various groups that meet with Young in his role as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations there is considerable disagreement about what this change means.

Some have interpreted his slipping into the background as a fall from grace — that he has been muzzled and that seemingly subtle shifts in U.S. policy towards Southern Africa are a sign of his diminished influence.

Yet, among his fellow U.N. ambassadors and the backstage officials who turn the wheels at the State Department and the White House, it is hard to find anyone who agrees that such epitaphs are justified. They say Andy Young still casts a long shadow over the policy decisions of the U.S. Government and the affairs of the United Nations.

The difference between last year and this year, they say, has been a little-noticed revolution in Young's approach to his job. What emerges from talks with diplomats, U.S. officials and Young himself is a portrait of a man who has changed not his beliefs, but his tactics, and who has subjugated many of his outsider's instincts to working within the system. Now they say, Young seeks to make his point in behind-the-scenes negotiation rather than in the front pages.

"Andy has learned a great deal about the mechanics of diplomacy and how to make it work for him," says the U.N. ambassador of a major European nation. "He now knows all about instructions and cables and channels — about bureaucracies and who pulls the strings in them. In the process, he's become less colourful but, in my opinion, much more effective."

IF SO, that is quite a difference from the image Young projected when he first moved into the U.S. mission in New York. Then, he seemed unique — a veteran of the civil rights movement, personifying all the churning currents of 1960s dissent, who smashed the icons of traditional diplomacy in ways that earned him such sobriquets as "the loose cannon" and "the wayward missile."

Young preferred other military terminology to describe his role. He viewed himself as President Carter's diplomatic "point man" — the one out front who drew hostile fire by articulating controversial positions, but who also served as the catalyst in bringing these positions forward so they could become subjects of public discussion.

It was a mission he undertook with gusto, igniting a chain of controversies on subjects ranging from Cuba's stabilizing role in Angola to normalization of U.S. relations with Vietnam to the racism allegedly lurking in the hearts of various former presidents.

Inevitably, his comments and the endless discussion about whether Young, the activist disciple of Martin Luther King Jr., was a truer representative of Carter's thinking in foreign policy than ostensibly more authoritative figures, such as Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski.

In retrospect, most informed observers agree that such theories were an over-simplification, fostered to some extent by the tendency of the press and the public to look at complex issue in terms of personalities.

YOUNG UNQUESTIONABLY had a commanding voice, but those who have observed him insist he was never more than one of several influential advisers. Given the emphasis on collegiality, they add, it was inevitable that Young would come under pressure to curb his rugged individualism and find a niche in the pecking order.

Most U.N. observers date this change from the events that began to overtake Young last summer.

First, he called down a firestorm of criticism on himself when, in the course of commenting on the jailing of Soviet dissident Anatoly Schcharansky, he said that the U.S. had its own "political prisoners."

Then, what had been regarded as the biggest triumph for the Young approach to Southern Africa — a plan for U.N. supervision of Namibia's independence from South Africa — there threatened to come unglued when Pretoria announced it was pulling out of the deal and holding its own majority-rule elections in Namibia.

That caused Vance and a group of Western foreign ministers to rush to South Africa and patch together a torturously ambiguous compromise. Although no one seems certain of where it will lead, the West contends the aim was to allow South Africa the face-saving device of separate elections in exchange for superseding UN-supervised elections at a later date.

Western explanations and pleas for patience have been met with intense suspicion in Black African countries. In their view, the Pretoria compromise looked like a cave-in to South Africa and a swing towards the pre-Carter Administration days when Washington took a cautious and conciliatory line towards the white minority governments of Southern Africa.

That's what prompted speculation that Young has lost control of Africa policy to administration hardliners.

FROM HIS 11th-storey office in the U.S. mission in New York, Young looks out imperturbably on the fray. Where other UN officials talk of the Namibia dispute as if it were a time bomb with a defective fuse, he says with unequivocal self-confidence: "There will be a UN presence in Namibia by January 15. It (the original U.S.-fostered plan for UN supervision of independence) will be tremendously successful."

On the larger question of whether he has been silenced and stripped of power, Young replies: "There hasn't been anytime I've been overruled. " I've been clarified, and I've been qualified, but I don't think I've been compromised."

"When I first came here," he explains, "I identified the big problem as one of establishing U.S. credibility in a world where the United States is in a minority. Our South African involvement had alienated us from the Africans, the Panama Canal issue had alienated us from the Latin Americans, and Vietnam had alienated us from almost everybody.

"I tried to establish that credibility in several ways. One was to put my main emphasis on Southern Africa, the last bastion of racist colonialism. I wanted to show, on behalf of the Carter Administration, that the U. S. could play a big role in the UN's decolonization work — that we have the moral power to lead the world rather than just the military power to dominate it.

Also, in that first year," he said, "it was necessary for me to say things in as honest and forthright a way as possible to ensure my credibility.

"I wanted the Africans and other Third World people to know I was aware of things that don't always get discussed in the West. That shocked some people in this country, but I think it also educated them to the way some things really are."

Now, Young argues, the credibility problem has been solved through the administration's policy initiatives in Africa, the Middle East and elsewhere. As a result, he says, there is less need for him to play the "point man" role, and he has shifted his attention to other problems.

SOME SOURCES in New York give mixed reviews to Young's efforts to break away from his identification with Africa. Diplomats from Latin America, where Young is loved almost as much as in Africa, complain that his eyes glaze over whenever they try to interest him in their regional problems. The ambassador of an important Arab country says he recently sat through a dinner beside Young without a single word being exchanged on the Middle East situation.

Others, who know him well, say that he avoids subjects like the Middle East because of deliberate policy designs. Among most of his colleagues, they add, he commands wide respect for having mastered the intricacies of a wide range of global problems.

In particular, many point to his increasing interest in the North-South dialogue — the search for more equitable trade, development and wealth distribution between the industrialized and underdeveloped nations.

"There's still a big gulf between the United States and the Third World on these subjects," said a European ambassador. "But, more than anyone else, Andy has been responsible for turning around some of Washington's traditional conservative attitudes and getting some serious attention for the dialogue.

"If you're looking for a measure of his influence in the U.S. Government, I think this is the area to watch," he said.

For the moment, though, most observers trying to calibrate Young's standing within the administration have their attention fixed on the Namibia situation. They are watching to see whether South Africa, will come back into line and, if it does not, what the U.S. will do about Black Africa's demand for severe economic sanctions against Pretoria.

It is no secret that the U.S. and Western Europe, with a heavy dependence on South African mineral exports, cannot afford to go along with these demands. But South Africa now knows that Washington is weighing the idea of selective sanctions, such as the halting of commercial air traffic to and from South Africa.

No one in the U.S. Government has threatened such sanctions publicly, but everyone at the UN is aware that the rumours of these possible measures emanate from Young's office. To many, it is a sign of how skilful he has become at playing diplomatic football.

Young himself replies to questions about sanctions by smiling like the Cheshire cat and repeating his confidence that, "things will work out fine" on Namibia.

"I don't think my credibility is on the line," he says. "What protects my credibility with the Africans is not my ability to deliver. It's being honest with them."

Roses from scratch

GARDENER'S CORNER
Walter Frankl

MY LAST COLUMN was devoted to roses and told you how to grow them. It did not tell how roses are born. Anyone can take part in this adventure. If you start straight away, you may be rewarded with your first flower in late summer.

Let's take a brief look at the history of the rose. Over millions of years, the antecedents of the rose evolved into the wild species found today in the temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere from Japan to Ireland and across North America. The characteristics of these wild roses vary enormously.

Fifty years ago Professors A. Eig and M. Zohary of the Hebrew University found two types of wild roses in Israel: *Rosa canina*, with pink flowers, and *Rosa phoenicia*, with white ones. In theory each wild species sets seeds and reproduces a replica of itself. In practice, one generation varies considerably from the next.

The birth of a hybrid. If, for instance, the pollen of one wild rose fertilizes a different species, the result will differ from both parents. In other words, it will be a hybrid. When hybrids breed, they yield a great number of differing roses. A new rose is born of every hybrid match. Pollen and egg cell fuse into an embryo, which becomes encased in a seed. The characteristics of this new rose — its form, fragrancy, colour, etc. — are already determined. All we have to do now is to sow the seed and grow the seedling.

This is precisely how new roses, and new flower plants in general, were created until about a century ago. Anyone seeking to cultivate new roses collected rose hips, grew seedlings and selected the best of the seedlings to produce the next generation.

In creating your rose, copy the methods used by breeders of a century ago, relying on nature (bees, other insects and wind) to deliver the pollen. This is easier than the artificial pollination used by rose breeders today. Although it may not always give good results, never mind. Creating new roses is fascinating and who knows — luck may be at hand.

Collect some rose hips from the garden, shell them and store the seeds in a little pot holding a growing medium that will keep them slightly moist. I recommend fine vermiculite mixed with sieved sand — two parts vermiculite to one of sand.

Keep the pot of seeds in the house for about six weeks, sprinkling them occasionally to keep the medium moist. Use a hand sprayer and lukewarm tap water. It's not important if some of the seeds germinate.

If you start now, six weeks will have passed by the end of January. At that point in time, place the pot outdoors for a change of temperature. The seeds should suffer from the cold. You have to protect the pot, however, from birds and from field mice, which in winter approach rural gardens for food. The best protection is a cover of chicken wire or other net. Leave the pot with the seeds in the open for another six weeks and then, in the middle of March, the time for sowing will have arrived.

Separate the seeds from the growing medium. This is best done by washing the pot's contents through a fine sieve. The fine sand and vermiculite will wash away; the swollen, partly germinated seeds will remain. Pick out the seeds, one by one. Prepare a container at least 20 cm. deep and be sure that it has drainage holes covered by flat stones. Fill it with a mixture of red soil, vermiculite and compost (in equal parts and all material finely sieved).

A 16th century housewife listens to a discourse on the rose. The picture is from a book published in 1515.

Sow the rose seeds in trenches 5 cm. deep with 10 cm. between them and rows 10 cm. apart. You can also use tins filled with the soil mixture. Just drop the seeds into dibbled holes. Put the container or tins in a sheltered place in your garden or balcony in half shade and protect the seedlings with a plastic cover.

The routine treatment in the period that follows is known to every gardener: light watering during rainless periods, spraying against greenfly and mildew, light cultivation and weeding with an ordinary kitchen fork and occasional feedings with a general fertilizer ("20-20-20").

The seedlings usually produce a single stem with a flower bud at the top. Let them do this. But pull out any failures from your collection. Remove all faded and half-faded flowers and wait for more to come. The next blooms on your new rose plants will blossom this coming summer. In due-time the seedlings can go into prepared plant holes in the garden or into bigger balcony containers, and they should continue to grow and bloom for many years. But, please don't keep them all, just those that look good to you. This is much the same process rose breeders have used throughout the ages.

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"And when ye shall come into the land,
And shall have planted all manner of trees for food."

Leviticus 19:23

FRUIT TREES can be planted from now until the end of February, and in the hills till the middle of March. But, if the soil is in good condition, the sooner they can be settled in, the better.

Prepare the ground by adding manure or compost. Dig a hole large enough to take the full spread of roots. Have on hand sticks strong enough to hold and protect the trees from the wind. Every young sapling should be tied with raffia to a stick inserted deeply into the ground. To avoid root damage, drive the stick in before planting.

Prune back any broken roots. Place the tree in the prepared hole and spread out the roots. Plant to the depth of the soil mark on the stem. Contrary to rose planting, the grafting point, visible as a thickened spot on the lowest part of the stem, must always remain at the soil surface. (In rose planting, it should be covered by soil.) Place a handful of superphosphate on the soil you have dug out and refill the hole. Firm the soil around the sapling well with your heel and then water.

Saplings are ready now in most nurseries: apple, pear, cherry, apricot, almond, peach trees and others. They have come a long way before you buy and plant them.

The nurseryman grew them from wild tree seeds. He probably received his seeds from a supply company with a good reputation, and a health certificate was probably attached to the package. After the seeds, sown in an inert medium, had germinated, he transplanted them into small flower pots filled with the proper soil and compost mixture. The pots went on shelves in temperature-controlled hot houses, protected from the damaging influences of frost and heat. There the young saplings stayed for a year.

When the temperature outdoors rose in late spring, the nurseryman removed the saplings from the pots and planted them in rows in his garden. By now, they were approximately 15-20 cm. tall and ready for grafting. They had become the "stocks," or the base for the "scions," a bud or branch of a cultivated species of fruit tree. Every kind of fruit tree has its specific stock. Nurserymen graft apples and pears on quince stock; almonds on wild almond or peach; apricots on wild plum; and cherries on wild (sour) cherry. Peaches are mostly grafted on saplings cultivated from peach stones.

The grafted species remain in the nursery soil for two more years, becoming approximately 80 cm. to a metre tall. They are then ready for transplanting to home gardens. The nurseryman takes them out of the ground, bundles them in tens and transports them to gardening centres where they can be found now in trenches filled with wet sand, waiting for customers like you.

Contributing commentary

MUSIC REVIEWS/Benjamin Bar-Am

ISRAEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Rudolf Barshai, conducting, with Heather Harper, soprano (Special concert No. 2, Tel Aviv, Museum, December 12). Gluck: Overture to "Iphigenia en Aulide"; Lokshin: "Songs of Margaritha"; Haydn: Cantata — "Miseri noi, Misera Patria"; Haydn: Symphony No. 88 in G Major.

SINCE Michael Barolsky's "Sternengesang" had been taken off the programme, "due to technical difficulties," Barshai's special concert lost much of its interest. Under these circumstances Lokshin's "Songs of Margaritha," a scene from Goethe's "Faust" translated by Boris Pasternak, became the central work around which interest focused. Another reason why Lokshin was eagerly awaited was that the soloist was to be Heather Harper, who has never disappointed in the many seasons we have heard her. She again left us stunned by her superb artistry, vocal brilliance and captivating musical personality.

Lokshin is a strange composer indeed. His involvement with 19th century tradition is clear and yet one could never mistake his work for a 19th century composition. Barshai had some very nice words for him, noting that his music must be apprehended very carefully for one to understand its inner beauty. The expressive power of Lokshin's songs cannot be denied. Lokshin writes as he feels, and he feels strongly. But when one traces the sources of this music to Mahler, Berg and Mussorgsky (and not Tchaikovsky, as Barshai, I think, mistakenly does), the music sounds out of date, strange, transposed somehow into our age from another time. Occasionally one feels that the music was actually written in the language of those masters. Lokshin's orchestral web, his treatment of melodic fragmentation goes far beyond the language of the three composers mentioned. But there are too many obvious reminiscences, too many associations. The execution of the work was, of course, superb. Miss Harper sang with total involvement and yet never became too emotional. She identified with Margaritha, presenting her most terrible moments with great power and total inner conviction. Her voice was as beautiful as ever. One could not have enough of it. As for the rest of the programme, there is little to say. Gluck's Overture, despite the glorious orchestral sound Barshai produced, seemed musically sedate and dry. Haydn's cantata rightly should be lost or forgotten. Even Miss Harper's brilliant voice could not save this uninspired piece. After the cantata, Barshai should have given us something truly stimulating. Instead, he chose another Haydn symphony, which passed uneventfully.

PIANO RECITAL BY CARMEN OR (Tel Aviv Museum, December 13). Scarlatti: Two Sonatas; Mozart: Sonata in C Major, K. 330; Alotin: Suite; Brahms: Three Pieces; Schubert: sonata in a minor, Op. 143; Chopin: Polonaise in f sharp Minor, No. 5.

SINCE HER LAST recital in Tel Aviv, two years ago, Miss Or has changed considerably. She has lost her inhibitions. Her behaviour on stage is charmingly natural. The Scarlatti sonatas were well-shaped and had all the necessary clarity of texture and technical exactitude. But the performance occasionally lacked lightness of touch. Tones and phrases often seemed slightly too weighty. Mozart's sonata perhaps should not have been included in the programme. Miss Or's conception was more Roccoco than classical. Though textures were again crystal clear and phrases well-shaped, there was a certain musical flatness, resulting in monotony. At the end of the third movement, one could not ignore the feeling that no substantial message had been relayed. The Alotin Suite was brilliant in all aspects. Yet Miss Or's devotion and effort seemed a waste. The first movement was nice, sounding like a mid-century *capriccio*. The third movement, however, seemed a potpourri of styles — romanticism, Prokofiev and Bartok and some Jewish-sounding motivic elements. If the first part of the programme sounded promising, arousing interest and anticipation, the second showed Miss Or as a pianist of the greatest technical facility with a deep and thorough musical understanding. The Brahms pieces offered imposing sonorities and a convincing, though controlled, emotionalism. The peak of the evening was undoubtedly the great Schubert sonata. Miss Or did full justice to the dramatic dichotomy in Schubert's work — the intimate, melodious outpouring of the heart and the wild, titanic force; resembling Beethoven). The sonata made a profound impression. No less impressive were the three Chopin pieces concluding the evening (including two encores). Miss Or gave them loving treatment. Yet everything remained beautifully under control, both technically and emotionally.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. "Of Men and Music — Around the World in 80 Minutes." Noam Sharifi, conductor and narrator, and Jonathan Zak, pianist (Mann Auditorium Tel Aviv December 11). J.S. Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, orchestration by Leopold Stokovsky; Toru Takemitsu: "Green"; Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue; Sibelius: "Fin Mussorgsky: Introduction to the opera "Kovanschina"; De Falla: Three Dances from "The Three-cornered Hat."

EXCEPT FOR Takemitsu's fragrant "Green" and the introduction to Mussorgsky's opera, the pieces in this programme are too well known to arouse much interest. Gershwin's Rhapsody, Sibelius's "Finlandia" and De Falla's "Three-cornered Hat" are even rather hackneyed. This seemed to be a concert of "light classical music." Nevertheless it was a fine and rewarding example of how music, even very well known music, can be presented so as to enrich one's understanding by simple, yet illuminating, explanations. There can be no doubt that Shariff's narrative gave some of the pieces new meaning, at least by way of suggestion and association. His explanations about Takemitsu's impressionistic idiom and harmonic language were excellent. And so was Shariff's brief introduction to "Finlandia." I am sure that for many these remarks revealed new dimensions in this well-known piece. Shariff has made great progress in saying more and more interesting things in fewer words. All this is stressed here because without the narrative, the programme would have had little appeal. Shariff has also taken great strides forward as an interpreter. Hard work with his Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra and a maturing musical approach seem to have affected him significantly, Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in D Minor was quite impressive (with the exception of the brass arpeggios in the fugue). Takemitsu's piece was finely and imaginatively painted, with a strange assonance. "Finlandia" had all the necessary gloom and grandeur. The last piece, on the other hand, De Falla's "Three-cornered Hat" needed much more rhythmical verve to become really sweepng. Mr. Zak was a fine interpreter in all the melodic and lyrical passages of the Rhapsody, which emerged not only tuneful, but also pleasantly idiomatic, but he did not come across in the *tutti*. It was not entirely his fault. Shariff seemed to enjoy conducting the piece so much that he almost forgot his soloist.

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Moshe Efrati (facing camera at far left) confers with his dancers.

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DANCE/Dora Sowden

THERE WAS NOTHING freakish about the programme Moshe Efrati's "Kol Demama" company presented at the Nahmani Theatre in Tel Aviv (December 16). The way he combined dancers who have normal hearing with those who are deaf made it impossible to tell them apart without foreknowledge.

In "Textures" some passages were in unison movement and the "drill" element was clear enough, but often the choreography required more complicated co-ordination — and got it. The only indications that any hearing was involved were repeated gestures by *all* the dancers, putting a hand to an ear and giving an occasional stamp on the ground to mark a beat.

Yet even that wasn't material. Whether in silence or with sound, the illusion created was that all were equally well endowed aurally and balletically. Part of the "music" consisted of an alarming recording of "voices of the deaf and musical mix" by Moshe Efrati, the better part provided by composer Ami Ma'ayani. As the title suggested, the "textures" were abstract in design, and the first sections (though excellently done) were less interesting than what followed when the number of dancers increased. Among nine dancers, a figure in black (Roger Briant) joined the white-clad ones, soon discarding his top and trousers and joining the others in their skin-tight body-stockings.

Each of the three ballets, all choreographed by Moshe Efrati carried a motto. For "Alter Ego," it was the Martin Buber saying, "My Thou affects me, as I affect it." Two of Israel's loveliest dancers, Esther Nadler and Gabi Barr, one in white and one in black, with half-painted faces, were first linked by a long elastic band. Once freed, they went through a series of motions reflecting both their association and their separateness.

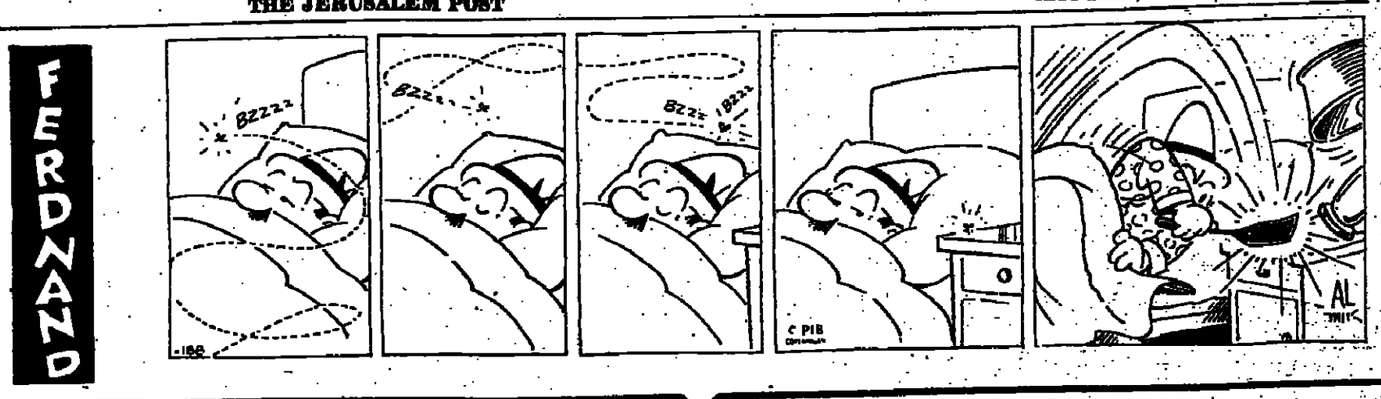
Their movements were sometimes jerky like puppets, sometimes jazzily free, sometimes even lyrical — all of which was projected also in Noam Shariff's music and enhanced by the intervention of a male figure (Amnon Damti), whose fine bare body (in black briefs) added an element of strength.

This was inventive, intellectual, intense dance, excellently performed — and weakened only by the ending. The dance petered out rather inconclusively.

TWO COUPLES appeared in "He Who Walketh Uprightly" (Proverbs 10,9) in a counterpoint of intention, one pair (Roger Briant and Esther Nadler) in bright innocence, the other (Moshe Efrati and Gabi Barr) in sinister energy.

Gradually the innocent girl was seduced by the sinister male. Her agonised struggling was as vivid as screams. Her gradual deterioration from purity was a tragic progress. The music (by Shostakovich) provided comment.

Throughout Moshe Efrati used with ingenuity an all-purpose set consisting of three long stretches of white backdrop, with black lengths in between. The costuming was also simple and effective — by Moshe Ben Shaul in "Textures" and "Alter Ego" and by Efrati himself in "He Who Walketh." Haim Tchelet's lighting added variety.



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17.40* Laff a Bit. 17.55 Charlton and the Wheelies. 18.00 Thunder. 18.30 French Hour (Tarzan on JTV 3) 19.00 News in French. 19.30 News in Hebrew. 20.00* News in Arabic. 20.30 The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin. 21.10 The Foundation. 22.00 News in English. 22.15* Assignment Vienna.
* (JTV 6, Shows with asterisks continue on JTV 3)

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Arnon: Midnight Cowboy; **Eden:** Semi-Tough; **Edison:** Grease 4, 6.45, 9; **Habirah:** Diamonds are Forever 4, 6.30, 9; **Kfir:** Saturday Night Fever 4, 6.45, 9; **Mitchell:** Coma 7, 9 Weds. 4, 7, 9; **Orgil:** La Dentelliere; **Orion:** Straight Time; **Orna:** The Pack; **Ron:** Death on the Nile 6.30, 9; **Semadar:** Face to Face 7, 9.30; **Small Auditorium Binyenei Ha'ooma:** The Brother 7, 9.15; **Cinema One:** Alice Doesn't Live Here Any More 7, 9.15

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Allenby: The Greek Tycoon; **Ben-Yehuda:** Coming Home; **Chen:** Grease; **Cinema One:** Piranha; **Cinema Two:** Straight Time; **Dekel:** 1900 (part one); **Drive-in:** Swashbuckler 5.30, 7.30, The Deep 9.45; **Esther:** Driver; **Gat:** The One and Only; **Gordon:** The Brothers; **Hod:** Les Valseuses; **Limor:** First Love; **Maxim:** The Pocket Lover; **Mograbi:** The Betsy 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Ophir:** Eyes of Laura Mars; **Oriy:** A Dream of Passion; **Paris:** Iphigenie 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Peer:** Straight Time; **Ramat Aviv:** You Only Live Twice 7.15, 9.30 Tues. 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Royal:** Made in Sweden 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.30, 9.30; **Cinema Shahaff:** Death on the Nile 6.30, 9.15; **Studio:** The Goodbye Girl; **Tchelet:** Anna and the Wolves; **Tel Aviv:** Kill Mitchell; **Tel Aviv Museum:** The Lace Maker; **Zafon:** Dersu Uzala 4, 6.45, 9.30

HAIFA 5, 6.45, 9
Amphitheater: Damnation Alley; **Armon:** Grease 4, 6.30, 9.15; **Atzmon:** Take The Money and Run; **Chen:** The Uranium Conspiracy; **Galor:** Fire 10, 2, 7, Mandingo 12, 4, 9; **Miron:** Ecstacy under the sun, nonstop; **Moriah:** The Goodbye Girl 6.45, 9; **Orah:** Un Unmarried Woman 4, 6.30, 9; **Ordan:** Splendour in the Grass; **Orion:** La Bouche et l'amour; **Oriy:** I Never Promised You a Rose Garden 6.45, 9; **Peer:** Husband Italian Style; **Bon:** Driver; **Shavit:** West Side Story 6.30, 9
RAMAT GAN 4, 7.15, 9.30
Armon: Grease 4, 7, 9.30; **Hadar:** Hooper 7.15 9.30; **Lily:** The Giants 6.15, 9; **Oasis:** House Calls; **Ordea:** Warlords of Atlantis; **Rama:** Live and Let Die 7.15, 9.30, Mon. and Wed., 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Gan:** Rolling Thunder 7.15, 9.30
HERZLIYA 4, 7, 9.15
David: Driver; **Tiferet Herzliya:** Cheap Detective 7.15, 9.15
HOLON 7.15, 9.15
Migdal: Coming Home
PETAH TIKVA 7.15, 9.15
Shalom: Milano Odio 7.15, 9.15 Tues. 7.15 only
NETANYA 4.30, 7, 9.30
Esther: Spider Invasions

ON THE AIR

First Programme
7.07 Morning Melodies
8.10 (Stereo): Bach: English Suite in E Minor (Malcolm); Ravel: Concerto for Piano Left Hand (Entremont, Boulez); Bruckner: Symphony No. 4
10.05 Radio story
10.35 Arabic lesson
11.35 Music from Japan
12.05 (Stereo): Gila Yaron, soprano; Idith Zvi, piano; Brigitte and Catherine Soleh, violins — Weld: Goethe, Lieder; Prokofiev: Sonata for 2 Violins. Op. 56; Reger: Seven Early Songs (1907)
13.00 (Stereo): Puccini: Symphonic Capriccio; Mozart: Concertone for 2 Violins and Orchestra; Mercadante: Symphony on Themes by Rossini
14.10 Children's programmes
15.25 World of Science
15.55 Notes on a new book
16.05 (Stereo): Schubert: Octet (Berlin): Philharmonic (repeat of yesterday's concert)
17.20 Music Quiz
20.10 Tunes in Time — West Side Story
21.00 Everyman's University
22.05 (Stereo): Yona Ettlinger, clarinet; Daniel Benyamini, viola; Uzi Wiesel, cello; Pnina Saltzman, piano; The Tel Aviv Quartet — Mozart: Clarinet Trio, K. 498; Glinka: Trio Pathetique; Brahms: Clarinet Quintet, Op. 115
23.23 (Stereo): "23:23" — Recording of the Helsinki Festival, 1973. Jennifer Fowler: Voice of the Shades; Roger Reynolds: From Behind the Unreasoning Mask
00.10 (Stereo): Choral music

Second Programme
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.10 Good Morning
14.10 Musical Adventures
15.05 Sabbath songs
16.10 Magazine on health and medicine
17.10 Meni Peer's talk and entertainment show
18.05 Of Men and Figures — discussion on current economic affairs
18.43 Sports magazine
19.00 Today — people and events in the news
19.47 Bible Reading: Kings I, 11, 12
20.05 Gideon Lev-Ary's weekly column and interview of the week (repeat)
21.05 Jazz Corner
22.05 Portrait of A.D. Gordon
23.05 Radio Information — everything you always wanted to know and didn't know whom to ask

Army
6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Yosef Ben-Shlomo discusses the Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism
7.07 "707" — Alex Anaki presents selections of music and items from the morning newspapers
8.05 IDF morning newsreel
9.05 Israeli Winter — 3 hours of music, skits, jokes and news flashes with Eli Yisraeli
12.45 15 Minutes — Political commentary
13.05 Today's Favourite — songs with a special theme
14.05 Two Hours — music, art, cinema and theatre reviews, interviews and anecdotes
16.05 Songs of IDF Troupes
17.05 IDF Evening Newsreel
19.05 Needle in a Record Stack — new records and recordings
21.00 Mabat newsreel
21.35 University on the Air (repeat)
22.05 Jazz Hour
23.05 Let's Listen — new records and recordings with Nathan Dunevitch
23.45 IDF midnight newsreel
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Michal Ramot

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7.00 (Fourth, Fifth) *
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00.30 (Fifth) *
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2015 El Al 338 Amsterdam
2035 El Al 334 Brussels, Vienna
2040 El Al 324 Paris
2050 British Air 576 London
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2200 El Al 316 London

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0250 Alitalia 762 Bombay, Singapore, Sydney, Melbourne
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Jerusalem

MUSEUMS
Israel Museum Exhibitions: From the archaeological collections of the museum. Objects of various periods and materials not ordinarily on display. **Aphrodite, A Greek Goddess.** Hellenistic and Roman sculpture of the Goddess of Love with an anthology of Greek love poetry. **Neolithic figurines from Sha'ar Hagolan. Structures Sonores Lazry-Baschet** (Lazry-Baschet Sound Structures). Works which are both sculptures and musical instruments. **Picasso's Women. Childhood Drawings and Paintings of Israeli Artists** (side by side with their mature works). **Mishra Pencil.** Possibilities of creative work with a pencil. **Exhibit of the Month: Arad and Sinai.** Resemblance in the architecture and pottery of sites in Sinai and the Canaanite city of Arad.
Rockefeller Museum Exhibit of the Month: Two rare Egyptian gold coins of the Persian and Hellenistic periods. Bronze figurine of Alexander the Great, late Hellenistic period. Special Exhibit: Prehistoric hunters' sites in northern Sinai.
Visiting hours: Israel Museum: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue. 4-10 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Shrine of the Book, Billy Rose Art Garden:** Sun., Mon., Wed., Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Rockefeller Museum:** Sun. — Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets for Sat. and holidays must be purchased in advance at the Museum, Cahana or major Jerusalem hotels; in Tel Aviv at Rococo, Hadran and Kastel. **Free guided tours in English,** Sun., Wed., 11.00 a.m., Tues. 4.30 p.m. from upper entrance hall.

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MISCELLANEOUS
Hebrew University Forum. Panel this evening. "Iranian Jews — Their Culture and Integration in Israel and their Situation Today in Iran" by Menashe Amir of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, and Dr. Amnon Nezer of the Hebrew University, at 8 p.m., at the United Synagogue Centre, 2 Rehov Agron.
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Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS
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Tel Aviv Museum, 27 Sderot Shaul Hamelech. **Exhibitions: Herzl in Profile** — Herzl's image in the fine arts. Opening Dec. 21. Constructivism in the Art of the 20th Century. **Radi Lehmann** 1903-1977. **Habimah** 1918-1978. Drawings.

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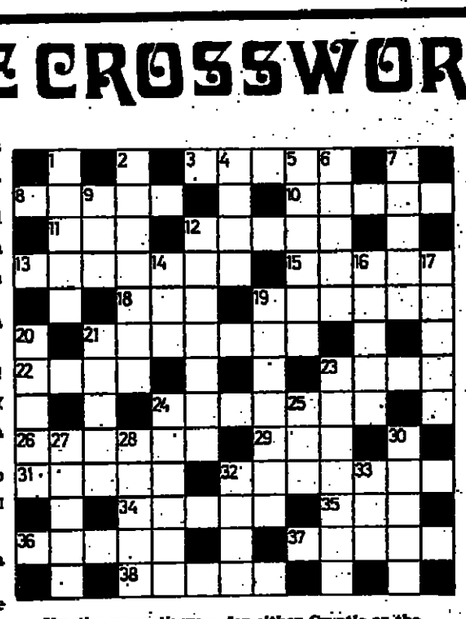
CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
3 Gang on the way to town (5)
8 A card in more senses than one? (5)
10 He helps make better wine (5)
11 An all-round writer? (3)
12 Long, pointed peas, possibly (5)
13 Authority to give a man an appointment (7)
15 Way down! (5)
18 Want to contain if turning east (3)
19 She takes breath (5) repossessed (7)
21 False figures in a will supplement (7)
22 Period commenced in silence (4)
23 Possibly sent home (4)
24 The real version of something tough (7)
26 Piece of silver? (6)
29 A bad thing to do (3)
31 From which you need shelter in the street (5)
32 Trouble as when the TV gets repossessed (7)
34 Feed the fires in the City (5)
35 Period of wage restraint (3)
36 Hit at various times (5)
37 He's a fair man (5)
38 Get up in Paris early (5)

DOWN
1 Stone that's best from start to finish? (5)
2 Ref's nod in order to summon someone (4, 3)
4 Central European line (4)
5 Animal we confuse a seal with (6)
6 One of the blunders in comedy? (5)
7 Trim up a slice of ham with great jollity! (5)
9 Man of Kent (3)
12 Rod has to steer round a drunken GI! (7)
14 One I had to help (3)
16 Say there's a butter shortage! (5)
17 Quick to get the hay out of the way (5)
19 It's largely like Wellingtonia (3, 4)
20 A moving game (5)
21 I take a remedy round to Marie (5)
23 Game that can make you all tent (7)
24 Epistle from a sufferer? (6)
25 Angry yet ardent (3)
27 Animal worth £50 to a mester? (5)
28 She tears a vest (5)
30 The perfume's dispatched, we hear (5)
32 Runners getting a kiss, maybe (4)
33 In the past, a wagon centre (3)



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EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
3 Renowned (5)
8 Fissure (5)
10 Sailing craft (5)
11 Skill (3)
12 Liberated (5)
13 Pungent gas (7)
15 Slacker (5)
18 Partly-opened flower (3)
19 No matter who (6)
21 Stooping (7)
22 Pout (4)
23 Elderly (4)
24 Rather damp (7)
26 Entertainer (6)
29 Small jump (3)
31 Follow (5)
32 Deer meat (7)
34 Poisonous snake (5)
35 Tear (3)
36 Bondsman (5)
37 Outcast (5)
38 Go bad (5)

DOWN
1 Vagrant (5)
2 Month (7)
4 Atmosphere (4)
5 Looking at (6)
6 Father (5)
7 Gloss (5)
9 Lamb (3)
12 Violinist (7)
14 Cloistered woman (3)
16 Irish lake (5)
17 Prepared (5)
19 One more (7)
20 Sheriff's men (5)
21 Leguminous plants (5)
23 Has ambitions (7)
24 Cleared garden (6)
25 Charged particle (3)
27 Fireplace (5)
28 Tropical fruit (5)
30 Acted solemnly (5)
32 Calf's meat (4)
33 Small drink (3)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS.—3, Crazy. 8, Poker. 10, Italy. 11, R-Im. 12, Ring-O. 13, Citadel. 15, Tools (tools). 18, Rap. 19, So-D-den. 21, Sky-line. 22, O-ATS. 23, To-OK. 24, Fetches. 26, Prim-E-S. 29, Kin. 31, Semo-R. 33, Paddles (pedals). 34, Ar-Med. 35, Eat. 36, F-late. 37, (M)Argot. 38, Stall.
DOWN.—1, Do-ris. 2, Remarks. 4, Ball. 5, Big toe. 6, Stood. 7, Slide. 9, Kit. 12, Rep-lica. 14, Day. 16, Adios. 17, Smake. 19, Solched. 20, Coops. 21, Sis-I-n. 23, Tender-s. 24, Ferret. 25, Hid. 27, Re-ply. 28, Moats. 30, Get on. 32, Peal. 33, Lag.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS.—3, Ahab. 8, Chats. 10, Pills. 11, Ale. 12, Valid. 13, Alleged. 15, Rests. 18, Run. 19, Casket. 21, Central. 22, Herd. 23, Aped. 24, Ordeals. 26, Futile. 29, Nil. 31, Trend. 32, October. 34, Genie. 35, Win. 36, Bells. 37, Beach. 38, Ethyl.
DOWN.—1, Chalk. 2, Steered. 4, Bead. 5, Spiral. 6, Hides. 7, Flute. 9, All. 12, Venture. 14, Gun. 16, Skips. 17, Study. 19, Cadence. 20, Shaft. 21, Crate. 22, Allowed. 24, Oldest. 25, Alt. 27, Urged. 28, Ingle. 30, Fence. 32, Oily. 33, Bin.

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By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

...L AVIV. — Contrary to most ex...tations the index-linked bond ...rket was somewhat lower yester...y. Bond trading was generally ...y active and exceeded the tur...ers achieved by shares and con...tibles combined. Trading in ...ex-linked bonds was delayed to ...w the public to get their orders in ...fore to the opening gong. ...wever, the public's reactions ...re not in keeping with the sharp ...e in the cost-of-living index.

...he share market was generally ...xed, with financials moving ...her, as the daily turnover exceed... the IL45m. mark.

...n the period since November 20 ... General Share Index has gained ...ne 5.5 per cent. Not including the ...st recently announced index ...re, this means that the share ...rket has almost kept up with the ...e of inflation. However, judging ...m trading volumes, the public has ... participated in this rise. The peo... primarily active appear to be a ...all group of speculators.

...ne area of investment which has ... seen any change for five weeks is ...ated to the rate of exchange. The ...el pound-U.S. dollar exchange rate has been unchanged for this length of time. It is therefore possible that dollar investments may be drawing some attention.

Commercial banks performed well. IDB was up four, while Leumi and Hapoalim gained two points each. Mizrahi gained one and Union Bank rose by 18, to 418.

Mortgage banks also rose, with Tefahot being the strong feature of the group. The bank will pay a 10 per cent interim dividend and 30 per cent in bonus shares.

Insurance company shares were mixed, with the general tendency for prices to move somewhat higher.

Land development and real estate stocks were generally lower. Africa-Israel IL10 was 15 lower at 940 and Mehadrin eased by 20, to 1,900. Israel Land Development was lower at 247.

Industrials were mixed. Phoenicia IL1 shares were up by 21, reflecting a rise of 3.8 per cent. Nechushtan was down by more than five per cent, to 1,460.

Investment company shares were thoroughly mixed. Discount, Leumi and Hapoalim Investments all showed small gains. Jordan Exploration was 12 lower, to 448.5, while the options were 49 lower, to 1,615. Landeco was 4.7 per cent lower, at 182.5.

...t Active Issues			
...K	443	+4.0	IL1,600,000
...rahi (R)	217	+1.0	IL1,270,000
...poalim (R)	497	+2.0	IL466,000
...res Traded:			IL45.7m.
...vertibles:			IL6.1m.
...ds:			IL57.8m.

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...ar-Linked ...ntures		
...d Sea	1940	2000
...tric Corp. "B"	592	600
...is 22	107.3	107.4
...-of-Living ...x Linked		
...rp. 1966 (1)	1588	1585
...rp. 1967 (1)	1573	1572
...'68 (41)	—	—
...'69 (41)	541.5	531.5
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...'69 6.5% (91)	643.7	650
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... 296	—	—
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...vertibles		
Mizrahi	270.5	266
Bank Leumi	420	420
Delek	188.5	189.5
Disc. Inv.	255	255
...rnational	117	117
...mercial and ...kholding Companies		
...r Hityashvut	324	324
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...n "A"	418	400
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...nix	407	409
...and Development ...al Estate		
...	470	469
...ca-Israel IL.10	940	955
...Land Dev.	247	253

Property & Building	388	388
Isras	504	504
Mehadrin	1900	1920
ICP Plantations	1170	1160
Neot Aviv	535.5	541.5
Pri Or	800	790
Rassco 8%	293	295
Rassco (ord)	—	—
Industrials		
Alliance	1365	1365
Elco IL2.5	235	235
Electra IL5	319.5	319.5
Argaman (ord)	254	254
Ata "B"	183.5	183.5
Dubek	730	742
Elect. Wire & Cable	145.5	140
Teva	749	779
Fertilizers	212	212
Rim Ind.	534	534
Moller Textiles	471	467
Paper Mills	468	468
Assis	289.5	276
Nechushtan	1460	1540
Elite	332	333
Shemen	289	292
Frutarom	99	99
Polgat	492	492
Elron IL2	520	535
Israel Petrochem. (ord)	130	127
Investment Companies		
Elgar	315	315
Ellern	595	592.5
Israel Central Trade	1555	1575
Bank Hapoalim	402	388
Paz Inv.	235	233
Wolfson IL10	230	229
Ampa	225	225
Discount Bank	370	369
Mizrahi	357	352
Bank Leumi	360	358
Piryon	250	255
Jordan Exploration	448.5	460.5
Jordan Explo Warrants	1615	1664
Hassuta	719	730
Export	434.5	437.5
Clal Inv.	485	485
Clal Ind.	310	318
Clal Real Estate	194	200
Fuel & Oil		
Nephta	733	748
Lapidot	840	830
Delek	291	285
Israel Electric	320	319.5
Paz Oil Exploration	145.5	143

Reported by the UNION BANK OF ISRAEL LTD

...scape to Tahiti — with the ...elp of a computer read-out

...NDON. — An airline executive ...s come up with an idea that could ...ke printed air timetables a thing ... the past. Instead, travellers will ... all the information they need at ... touch of a button.

...fter years of working in the ...vel trade Maurice Minzly has ...nded a company in London with a ...ence to transmit travel information ...n on the Post Office's Prestel ...wdata system.

Due to start operation soon, ...estel uses a modified television ...t, a telephone line and a simple ...ypad to give users instant access ... huge stores of information in a ...ntral computer.

Minzly is already supplying advice ...how to get there fast to the 1,000 or ... participants in a trial system that ...s been operating for six months in ...ndon and two provincial centres. In London's Portman Hotel, one of ...e first public places to be equipped ...th an adapted TV set, I used the ...ypad, which looks like a pocket ...lculator, to call the Prestel com...ter.

Up on the coloured screen came a ...rectory of organizations, including ...inzly's, with notes on the informa...n they could furnish, and the ...mbers by which to key them.

I keyed the number for Minzly's firm, got a further list — this time of airlines and countries — and keyed a further number to get the country of my choice.

My selected destination (I had chosen Tahiti to escape from the London winter) then appeared on the screen. With it was not only a timetable showing the quickest connections but, on succeeding "frames," all I needed to know about the weather there, the currency exchange rate, forthcoming public holidays, the cost of car hire, and the closing time of the shops.

When Prestel comes into full commercial operation, it will cost a halfpenny a time (about one U.S. cent) to see any one page of information, plus two pence per minute for the time the computer is engaged.

These are the Post Office charges. On top of them suppliers of information will be able to impose an additional charge, which the Post Office collects on the telephone metre and passes on.

"The beauty of it," he says, "is that you can keep the information bang up to the minute. If schedules are changed, through a strike for instance, all you need do is to type the amendment into the computer by an on-line keyboard."

But seeing the timetable is only the beginning of the game. As Prestel gets under way it will be possible for two-way communication to take place, so that having zeroed in on the flight of his choice, the intending traveller will be able to ask the computer what seats are available, select where he wants to sit, and book his ticket by means of the keypad and a credit card number.

The first commercial users are likely to be mostly business houses because of the cost of the adapted TV sets. The current price is about $1,400, but as production gets under way, from 11 manufacturers, it is expected to fall to only ablout $200 above the cost of an ordinary colour set. Rental companies are hoping to bring down their price to about $36 a month. (OFNS)

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FOREIGN CURRENCY
15.12.78
Friday's foreign exchange rates against the Israel pound, for U.S. dollar transactions under $3000, and transactions in other currencies under the equivalent of $500.

	Selling	Buying
U.S.$	18.6950	18.5650
DM	9.95612	9.7925
Swiss Fr.	11.0818	11.0047
Sterling	37.0534	36.7956
French Fr.	4.2927	4.2629
Dutch Fl.	9.1017	9.0384
Austrian Sch.	1.3454	1.3360
Swedish Kr.	4.2387	4.2092
Danish Kr.	3.5435	3.5189
Norwegian Kr.	3.6549	3.6295
Finnish M.	4.6435	4.6112
Canadian $	15.8318	15.7217
Rand	21.5085	21.3590
Australian $	21.3777	21.2290
Belgian Fr. (10)	6.2254	6.1821
Yen (100)	9.5665	9.4900
Italian Lire (1000)	22.0746	21.9211

INTERBANK LONDON SPOT RATES:

U.S.$	1.9815/25	per £
DM	1.8953/63	per $
Swiss Fr.	1.6865/75	per $
Belgium Fr.	30.02/04	per $
Italian Lire	846.70/10	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.0530/50	per $
Yen	195.55/70	per $
French Fr.	4.3640/60	per $
Danish Kr.	5.2745/70	per $
Swedish Kr.	4.4100/10	per $
Norwegian Kr.	5.1140/60	per $

Gold Price: $204.75/205.50

FORWARD RATES:

	1 mos.	3 mos.	6 mos.
£/$	1.9782/802	1.9704/034	1.9615/635
DM	1.8883/848	1.8598/618	1.8233/250
Sw.Fr.	1.6696/715	1.6390/410	1.5945/965

Faster building permits to help bring down flat prices

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Mandatory authorities saddled the country with a set of building regulations aimed at stifling the construction of flats. The British left more than three decades ago and Israel still suffers from this legacy, Issachar Oren, vice-president of the Federation of Contractors and Builders, charged yesterday. He added: "But if we want to be wise, we will adopt the same practices which the English use in England for approving a building licence; there it takes only 14 days in ordinary cases."

Oren charged, on the basis of a survey that his organization had conducted, that in "one of the three large cities" (which he refused to name) it took 365 days to get approval of building plans in ordinary cases. If there were any deviations from the conditions of the local town planning regulations, it took up to 800 days."

He blamed the outmoded methods used to approve a licence for this huge delay — with each application "being handled by 40 clerks or officials in the best of cases, by 87 clerks or officials in the worst of cases."

Not only is each such step an opportunity for "parasites and intermediaries" to make a living by expediting matters, but each year's delay doubles the cost of a flat in the present inflationary society, he said. Oren added that approval of a building licence takes three to six months in Denmark; three weeks in Montreal; two to eight months in Zurich; three months in Boston and three days to three weeks in Los Angeles.

"We should adopt the English method. Not only does it take a mere 14 days, but the stamp of approval is given not by a lengthy official process, but on the sworn statement of an engineer (i.e. the builder or contractor), that the plans meet the regulations of the law." Oren pleaded.

He called for a complete outline of building schemes in all cities and towns to be finished within two years. But he wanted to take the approving body out of the hands of the Interior Ministry and the municipalities and shift it to another ministry, perhaps the Ministry of Housing and Construction."

Plans would be approved upon a sworn statement by a responsible contractor, "and one out of each 100 applications should be checked in depth. If the contractor is found to have violated the law, then throw the book at him."

Oren believes that if this system is adopted, the time to construct a flat will be reduced substantially, at a considerable saving to the person buying the flat.

Moreover, no longer will architectural and engineering firms have to keep half their manpower in the offices of the Interior Ministry and the municipalities, guiding plans through the bureaucractic maze, Oren said.

Potential buyer complains of gov't vaccilation in plan to sell companies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Charges that the government is going back on its word to sell state-owned companies, such as the Office Mechanization Centre, were levelled on Friday by Amiram Shor, director-general of Statistics and Office Efficiency, Ltd. a large Tel Aviv company which provides computer services to private firms.

Shor said that not only was the government not honouring its word, but it was planning to earmark another IL70m. for the Office Mechanization Centre, so it could buy another computer and thus "even invade the private sector to keep the computer working near full capacity."

He noted that following the government decision to sell its companies, the Weinshell Committee had been set up to look into the sale of the Office Mechanization Centre — which Statistics and Office Efficiency was prepared to buy. The findings of the Weinshell Committee have not been published, although it completed its recommendations several months ago.

"I happened to know that this committee recommended either selling this centre or dissolving it," Shor claims. He adds that despite this recommendation, a Knesset committee, headed by Avraham Melamed, has been set up to "look into the matter."

COINS AND MEDALS

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Recently a number of visitors questioned us about prices of the Israel commemorative coins. What interested them particularly was whether it is less expensive to purchase gold coins here or in the U.S. The answer is an unequivocal vote in favour of doing one's numismatic shopping in Israel.

To make a fair comparison, we took the prices of eleven gold coins and converted them at current exchange rates. These dollar prices were compared with those received most recently from J.J. van Grover Ltd., a New York dealer, specializing in coins and medals of Israel.

Below appears a comparison list of what it would cost to purchase items in Israel or in New York. The complete eleven coin set would cost locally $8,123, while in New York it would cost $9,870. This reflects an average saving of 17.8 per cent for coins purchased in Israel.

The highly prized Bank of Israel issue, for instance, is quoted at $4,500 in the U.S., while the local cost is almost 20 per cent less.

The secondary market here has been dormant, as prices have not changed in the last fortnight.

The Israel Government Coins Corporation is now promoting the sale of Hanukka coins. The corporation has reopened its Rehov Mendele office in Tel Aviv, where coins are sold to the public. Subscribers have until December 29 to file their orders.

	Local U.S. prices	Dollar prices in New York	Difference in per cent
Herzl	443	495	10.5
Weizmann	855	950	9.0
Bank of Israel	555	695	20.0
Bank of Israel	3,650	4,500	19.0
Victory	565	675	16.0
Jerusalem	350	460	22.0
Shalom	255	325	21.0
Let My People Go	335	450	25.0
25th Anniv.	440	525	16.0
Ben-Gurion	235	265	11.0
Bonds	170	19	21.0
30th Anniv.	270	325	17.0
Total	8,123	$9,870	

Jerusalem housing

Shikun Ufituah announced last week that the company plans to put some 350 flats in the IL225,000 to IL1.2m. price range on the tight Jerusalem housing market.

The company said the flats are located in Gilo, Ramot and Neve Ya'acov, and will be made available to registrants who sign up starting December 21 at the Ministry of Construction and Housing.

A company spokesman said a similar sale is planned for January.

Charter tours to Europe next summer

By BARUCH SAVILLE
Post Tourism Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Charter tours from Israel to Europe at competitive prices will be offered next summer, according to Uriel Yashiv, commercial director of El Al's Charter Services subsidiary. Yashiv declined to reveal prices but promised "welcome surprises"

He added that Charter Services is active in incoming tourism. Charter flights are being operated from three towns in Germany and from London, Zurich and Athens, for students, available until January 31, 1979.

From spring 1979, Charter Services will market flights from Holland, Switzerland, Greece, Ireland and from at least one of the Scandinavian countries. Charters will also be operated for the first time, soon, from Newcastle, England.

Questioned why there were no outgoing winter charters, Yashiv replied that few Israelis travel in winter, and certainly not to any one destination, an essential feature of competitive charter operations.

Tourism drops despite $499 New York fare

The local manager of TWA, Ed Frankfurt, has denied allegations that the present drop in tourism to Israel partly stems from his company's failure to put into effect in time its $499 New York-Tel Aviv return fares.

In a letter to the head of the Tourism Administration and the Hotels Association, Frankfurt said that TWA had widely publicized its low fares throughout the U.S. He said that his company's ten weekly flights from the U.S. are well filled. "Certainly not one passenger wishing to purchase one of the cheap fare tickets has been turned away because no seats were available."

Frankfurt is optimistic that the low fares will eventually generate a substantial increase in U.S. tourism next year.

Canada introduces anti-boycott bill

OTTAWA (AP). — Canada has introduced legislation designed to combat the Arab boycott of Israel, saying it affects Canadian businesses.

The bill, introduced by Trade Minister Jack Horner on Friday, requires that all Canadian companies asked to comply with an economic boycott must report the fact to the trade department. It also gives the government the right to publish the names of complying companies.

Companies face fines of up to $250 for each day they fail to report.

The Canada-Israel Committee, one of the chief Jewish groups in the country, called the move a step in the right direction. But it still wants compliance in the boycott outlawed.

PLAYGROUND. — A children's playground was dedicated yesterday in Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Garden. Among the guests at the ceremony was Dr. Herbert W. Armstrong, president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, which contributed towards the construction of the dunam-sized playground.

Correction

The recent IL17.5m. new share issue of Rapac Electronics was oversubscribed, while the IL100m. issue of Elbit Computers was only 64 per cent sold, and not as reported in Friday's paper.

Breweries foster habit of drinking beer during winter

TEL AVIV. — Modern Israelis are only now regaining their taste for beer — a brew they drank joyously thousands of years ago, at the dawn of written history in the Middle East.

"But they are still not drinking enough," Menahem Berliner, who holds the title of "Braumeister" (Brew master) from Germany, yesterday told a press conference at the Diplomat Hotel dedicated to the fine art of drinking beer, especially Maccabee and Goldstar beers made by National Breweries in Netanya.

Berliner, who received the title from Germany 15 years ago (the first Israeli to attend the brewery school there and to receive a diploma) notes that he spends most of his working day sampling small quantities of different brews.

Daniel Bibro, deputy director-general of National Breweries, noted that the company was trying to step-up "winter drinking of the beverage." During the four winter months, the breweries sell only 15 per cent of their annual output. The remaining 85 per cent is sold during the eight spring, summer and autumn months. August is the peak month, with consumption rising to 18 per cent of annual production.

"Nevertheless, Israelis are drinking more in the winter months now, since flats and houses increasingly have central heating." National consumption is only 16-17 litres per capita in Israel, while in Belgium it is 170 litres, in Australia, 160, in Germany, 150, and in the U.S., 80 litres. "Even the Italians, who have a similar climlate to ours, down more than 20 litres per capita a year," Bibro noted.

The sales of Maccabee beer had risen 80 per cent in the last few years and that of Goldstar by ten per cent. "And what is more encouraging is that Israelis are preferring locally-made beers over imported labels, whose sales have dropped by half lately," he added.

Bibro did not claim that the reason was that local beers were better — he only claimed that they were comparable. The shelf-life of a good beer is four to five months. It often takes that long for a beer to reach customers here, and the result was a "flat beer, leaving much to be desired," he said.

Slaughterhouse workers strike after report scores their work habits

HAIFA. — Municipal slaughterhouse workers went on strike here yesterday in protest against an unfavourable article about them last week in a local newspaper, "Shahaf." The 42 workers, who supply fresh meat to about a million residents in the north, strongly scored the article and were demanding the immediate removal of plant manager Uri Kutik, who, they claimed, had supplied the newspaper with the information on which the article was based.

The article quoted extensively from the city controller's report, which had scored the workers' performance. The workers also took exception to the controller's report.

Among the charges made in the article and based on the controller's report, were card playing and gambling by the staff during working hours, unnecessary overtime, featherbedding and lack of sanitary supervision. Several weeks ago, Ma'ariv also quoted extensively from sections of this report on the slaughterhouse. But at the time workers did not react.

The strike has not been approved by the local labour council, which has urged the workers to return to work. Mayor Arie Gurel called on the workers to return to work immediately. If not, he threatened to close the plant and reopen it after "re-organizing the staff."

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Notice to Pupils in Grade Yod-Bet Preparing for the Bagrut Examinations

The Ministry of Education and Culture has decided to allow pupils in grade yod-bet who are studying for the bagrut examinations to study for one or two subjects, using the systems and programmes of Hamachon Hayisraeli Lehaskala Bichtav (Mishlav).

Pupils will be required to write exercises and solve check questions. Their answers will be checked by the teachers of the Institute, and will be returned to pupils with corrections, comments and additional explanations. Pupils should register for not more than 2 subjects from the following list:
1. Hebrew literature 2. Expression in Hebrew 3. Bible 4. Mathematics (restricted curriculum) 5. Mathematics (expanded curriculum) — science stream 6. English 7. History 8. Geography 9. Biology 10. The People and the State.

The course fees will be paid by the Ministry of Education.
Pupils will pay the one-time fee of IL35 for one course or IL70 for two.

The above does not apply for pupils who are not taking the bagrut examinations at the end of the year, or for pupils at schools unaffected by the strike.

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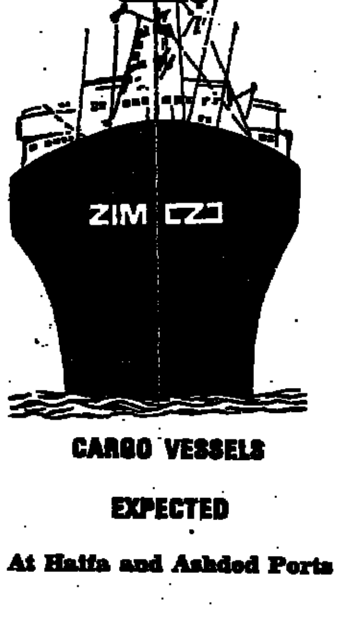

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Educational Television Programmes for Grade Yod-Bet Pupils

Material for the Bagrut Examinations

Educational Television broadcasts to help yod-bet pupils prepare for the bagrut examinations started yesterday. Details of these broadcasts for this week are given below:

a. Name of Broadcast: The Jericho Group, a research story. Subject: An example of a problem in biology, and the way it was solved.
A disease and its causes are described, followed by an explanation of the ways in which it may be cured.
Time of Broadcast: Tuesday, Dec. 19, 11.55 a.m.
Repeat: Wednesday, Dec. 20, 30.00 p.m.

b. Name of Broadcast: Magnifying Glass to Electron Microscope. Subject: Construction and operation of a magnifying glass, optical microscope and electron microscope are described.
The advantages of these instruments over the naked eye are explained.
The design of these instruments is a good illustration of the connection between developments in science and technology.
Time of broadcast: Thursday, Dec. 21, 8.55 a.m.
Repeat: same day at 3.00 p.m.

NOTE. On Monday, Dec. 18, a detailed announcement regarding the subjects to be dealt with in the various educational television broadcasts will be made at 3.00 p.m.

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Treasury with no answers

ON THE BASIS of the last three months, inflation is now running at an annual rate of about 80 per cent; if the trend of the last two months continues, the annual rate will be over 100 per cent.

The Treasury, which is clearly at its wits end, admits responsibility for only two per cent of November's record price increase of 6.2 per cent. This must surely rank with the silliest excuses ever made by a government for the virtual collapse of its economic policy; it is almost embarrassing to have to remind the Treasury that it is responsible not only for that part of inflation which results directly from its fiscal measures, but for inflation in general.

An effective policy to cope with what has already become a galloping inflation is nowhere in sight. Instead, the Treasury is frantically looking for ways to make inflation turn invisible. The latest proposal of this kind is to excise the cost of housing from the consumer price index for the purpose of paying cost-of-living allowances.

But what really lurks behind such proposals is an effort to make wage earners the culprits of inflation. Wage increases, Treasury economic advisor Ephraim Davrat told the press on Friday, are responsible for three per cent, or about half of last month's price rise. This is palpably untrue, for wages have so far *followed* price inflation and not led it. And as long as the cost-of-living allowance remains pegged to 70 per cent of price inflation, even substantial hikes of basic wages will raise the real wage level only temporarily.

Developments in the last two months have demonstrated this clearly: the entire October cost-of-living allowance has already been wiped out.

But, while the Treasury is massing its verbal artillery against *wage earners, it has nothing to say about the inflationary* impact of the huge tax giveaways and capital subsidies it continues to grant so liberally. Holders of government bonds will continue to be fully protected against inflation.

Those who have had the luck or the clout to obtain unlinked government loans will continue to benefit from the private sequestration of public money that inflation causes. Owners of real assets of all kinds will, at worst, not suffer from continued inflation and will, in most cases, gain from it.

The time has come for a thorough reappraisal of what has so far been presented to the public as the liberal new economic policy, including a reappraisal of the performance of those who are responsible for this so-called policy.

Outdoing the facts

IT IS A PITY that Mr. Begin should be damaging his own case by rhetorical overstatement. In doing so, he makes it so much easier for the U.S. Administration to find fault with Israel's arguments and lay the blame on Israel for the deadlock in the treaty talks with Egypt.

Formally — or formalistically — the Prime Minister was accurate in proclaiming after the cabinet meeting on Friday, as he has proclaimed repeatedly in recent weeks, that "Israel is prepared to sign without delay the draft peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, including the annexes, as formulated on November 11, with the approval of the U.S. Government...."

But, while technically correct, that statement laid Israel open to the nasty accusation by the "high U.S. official" travelling with Secretary Vance that it was "misleading."

Mr. Begin's statement gave the deliberate impression that Israel was ready, more than a month ago — and is still ready — to accept a U.S.-approved package of treaty documents. The public, here and in the U.S., could hardly be expected to remember, that a month ago the focal issue of controversy was neither the draft treaty nor the annexes — but the accompanying letter which was to spell out a "target-date" for the holding of elections for the Palestinian autonomy.

By omitting reference to that letter, and to the fact that the Israel government in effect rejected it (after its negotiators, Dayan and Weizman, had originally accepted it), Premier Begin was being disingenuous — and not, ultimately, serving his own cause best.

Egypt's recent toughening of stance and Washington's lockstep espousal of these Egyptian second thoughts have been so blatant that Mr. Begin need not have resorted to such rhetorical oversights in presenting Israel's case.

Israel's government is being forced, much against its will, to take on the U.S. Administration in a crucial battle for U.S. public opinion. The Prime Minister will tomorrow be making his case, at greater length, in the Knesset debate on the political situation. He would be well advised to recount the facts — all of the facts — and let them speak for themselves.

POSTSCRIPTS

DEMOGRAPHERS from six Communist states met in East Berlin recently and announced that the world's population will reach nearly seven billion people by the year 2000. And that's only the start.

"Intercom," an international population news magazine, published by the American Population Reference Bureau, Inc. states that the world's population is increasing by 200,000 a day and it will reach one quintillion or 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 people in another 5,000 years, unless sterilization, atomic warfare, or planetary collision intervenes.

It is to anticipate such developments that more and more countries are adopting explicit population policies. The U.S. Congress, for example, introduced Resolution 13223 last June to coordinate population policy and related ecological developments. *(A.Z.)*

New bid for peace

After a pause to allow tempers to cool, Washington is expected to try again to conclude an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, writes the *Post's* Washington correspondent WOLF BLITZER, outlining the fears and hopes that led Carter to emphasize the December 17 deadline.

PRESIDENT Carter was hoping for a foreign policy spectacular last weekend: the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and the announcement of the normalization of relations with China.

Such a combination, coming just prior to the expected conclusion of the new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty with the Soviet Union and the subsequent summit in the U.S. with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, would have dramatically raised the President's standing among the American people.

Carter and his senior advisers sensed this fact of political life, and they wanted to exploit it to the fullest. Their calculated decision to press hard to meet the December 17 deadline set at Camp David must be seen in the context of these other two major foreign policy developments.

In a sense, the President wanted to get the treaty out of the way by last Sunday so that he could begin the new year with a triple foreign policy victory. Why were Israel and Egypt going to spoil it for the U.S. by continuing to "quibble" over "minor" and "insignificant" matters (his words) during this supposedly final stage of the negotiations?

That was partially why he decided to invest so much U.S. prestige and influence, and why he dispatched Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to Cairo and Jerusalem, to try to secure final agreement on the treaty.

Carter was arguing publicly that failure to meet the deadline would seriously undermine the peace process. It would set a "bad precedent," he and other U.S. officials repeated during the final two weeks before the deadline.

But their dire warnings, ironically, were not echoed in either Israel or Egypt, where both governments were stressing that an extension of the deadline could be granted. Israeli and Egyptian officials recognized that the treaty was a critically important document for both countries, and that its conclusion should not be accelerated just because of the Camp David three-month target date.

AMERICAN officials argue that the decision to make such a point out of the deadline was largely due to their genuine fear that both Israel and Egypt were having second thoughts about the entire process.

They were worried, for example, about the bitterly anti-Egyptian mood in the Arab world and its impact on President Sadat. They feared that the overthrow of the Shah might further weaken Sadat's standing, and they wanted to nail down the accord as quickly as possible.

By attaching such importance to the December 17 deadline, they thought they could artificially pressure both Cairo and Jerusalem into making the final concessions needed for a treaty.

Such a strategy had worked at Camp David. On the last Friday of that summit, Carter announced that the following Sunday would be the deadline for ending the negotiations. As both Premier Begin and President Sadat began to consider the consequences of failure at Camp David, they managed, somehow, to come up with the required concessions for the two framework agreements.

Carter was hoping the same thing would happen now.

While the Americans are still nervous about Sadat's standing, they have other fears about Israel. Statements emanating from Jerusalem during recent weeks have resulted in Washington seriously questioning Israel's real intentions.

The Americans fear that Israel may be trying to back out of the Camp David agreement extending "full autonomy" to the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

First, there was the Israeli decision to "thicken" existing settlements on the West Bank. Second, they were aroused by press reports that a committee of Israeli officials had drafted recommendations on the autonomy scheme severely limiting — if not completely distorting — the scope of Palestinian self-rule as envisioned at Camp David.

Finally, they were angered by the Israeli Cabinet's refusal to endorse the end of 1979 as the "target date" for holding elections on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Carter and other U.S. officials kept noting that the Israeli negotiators in Washington, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, and Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak, had approved this compromise during lengthy negotiations with Vance.

But Begin and the Cabinet overruled them.

In an interview with ABC's Barbara Walters broadcast last Friday Dayan confirmed that he and the others had accepted the target date. "I agreed to it when we discussed it with Secretary Vance at 1:30 in the morning," said Dayan. "But I did tell Secretary Vance right away, that this is my view and that I will have to consult with the Prime Minister...I personally thought it was a good idea. But when we discussed it with the Cabinet after my coming back to Israel, we all agreed, including myself, [that] there should not be a target date at all."

ISRAEL'S refusal to accept what its chief negotiators had approved called into question its entire willingness to move forward on the autonomy scheme, American officials said. It appeared to them that Israel merely wanted to sign a separate treaty with Egypt, and then stand idly by and not implement the full autonomy plan.

Since then, on the eve of Vance's mission to the Middle East, Israel made a point of announcing that it felt free to build new settlements after December 17 — an announcement that infuriated Washington.

With these apprehensions in mind, the Americans decided to make a major diplomatic push to meet the deadline. Carter was much more confident than Vance that the U.S. would succeed. The President honestly believed that Israel would accept the target date if the Egyptians agreed not to change any wording in the actual treaty text. This was the "trade-off" that the Israeli press had been speculating about, and the U.S. strategy was to achieve it. That was why Vance decided to negotiate first with the Egyptians and then with Israel.

Thus, when Sadat, during his talks last week with Vance, agreed not to reopen the treaty text to new revisions but only to attach some additional "interpretative notes" to it, the President became confident that the U.S. strategy had worked. Israel would be under strong pressure to accept the "trade-off." At a news conference on Wednesday, Carter expressed his hope and "expectation" that Israel would adopt the "same attitude" taken by Egypt.

But Israel did not like what it viewed as strong-arm American tactics. Coming on the heels of Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd's (D-W.Va.) tough warning about Congressional reluctance to increase financial assistance to Israel so long as additional settlements are established, the Israeli leadership felt pressed against a wall, and said "no" to the Administration.

AT THIS stage, Carter, Vance and other senior U.S. government officials are very upset. They truly feel that Egypt went a long way towards meeting Israeli needs, and that Israel should have accepted the deal.

They believe that Israel had an interest in accepting even this "imperfect" arrangement (from Israel's standpoint) in order to strengthen Sadat, and to make certain that the Camp David achievements are not undone.

Under the circumstances, U.S. officials are now expecting a "pause" in the negotiations, at least for a month, to let everyone cool down. Tempers after three months of intensive negotiations are still rather high.

Moreover, during the coming month the U.S. will be preoccupied with working out the "normalization" of relations with China and wrapping up the new SALT agreement with Russia. As Carter stressed several times last week, the U.S. has other pressing problems at hand. More time has been spent on the Middle East issue, he said, than on anything else, including unemployment, inflation, and strategic arms negotiations.

But after the situation calms down, Washington will once again step back into the negotiations, and try to conclude the treaty. "We will never give up," Carter told Barbara Walters the day before the Israeli Cabinet rejected the latest proposals, "no matter how difficult the circumstances, on searching for a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, to be followed by peace between Israel and all her neighbours."

Let's hope that it won't be too late.

Correction

Dr. Shlomo Slonim is chairman of the department of American studies at the Hebrew University, and not as stated in Friday's issue.

HATRED AND COMMITMENT

His recent weeks in Cairo made *Post* Diplomatic Correspondent DAVID LANDAU more keenly aware than ever of the paradox in the Egyptian attitude towards the Palestinians.

THE MOST arresting, thought-provoking statement I heard during my stay in Cairo came from a man whom, over the past months of occasional meetings and heart-searching discussions, I have grown to like and respect.

"Between you and me," he said suddenly, leaning forward, "ninety-nine point nine per cent of Egyptians *hate* the Palestinians. For thirty years we have been shedding our blood for them. What did they do in 1948? They sold their land and ran away. They didn't stand and fight; we had to fight for them."

"But the Arab version is that they were driven out," I said. "Do you mean to say you know that's not true?"

"Of course I know it isn't," he replied, "and many, many Egyptians know the true facts. Which are that today's PLO leadership don't *want* to go back to Palestine, because they would not be accepted there as leaders of the people. They have a vested interest in the conflict continuing, because so long as it continues they get money from the rich Arab states. Once is it resolved, the money will stop and they will not be accepted by the Palestinian people."

He went on to explain Egypt's proposal for a "model autonomy" to be set up in Gaza.

"Sadat is really interested only in Gaza, not in the West Bank; that is the basic truth. Not for himself, as you Israelis suspect; but in order to set up an autonomy there, and then to be able to say to the other Arabs: 'I have made my peace. I have liberated my land and the land that was my direct responsibility. And I have obtained a framework for you, Syrians, Palestinians and Jordanians, to negotiate for yourselves. Now you must go ahead and negotiate.'

"I'm not afraid to say these things to you," he continued. "I'm not afraid of anyone; of course, please don't go and publish them in my name..."

THAT MAN's words, unusual for their frankness, were even more remarkable for having been spoken to an Israeli. Yet, despite his sweeping statistical assertion, they seemed to me to obscure rather than elucidate, Egypt's complex attitude to the Palestinian question.

His explanation for what he said was a pervasive hatred of the Palestinians — "For thirty years we have been shedding our blood for them" — seemed only to underscore the complexity. Hatred and commitment, though perhaps paradoxical, are not mutually exclusive, and it is not impossible to imagine Egypt shedding more of its blood for the Palestinians in the future.

"They are part of us," Foreign Minister Butros Ghali averred. "Tens of thousands of Palestinians live among us. Many of them are students in our universities. And we ourselves are part of the Arab world."

EVER SINCE President Sadat launched his initiative, and particularly when the negotiations focused (and almost foundered) on formulating a "declaration of principles," it has been fashionable in Israel and in the West to speak of Egypt's need for "a figleaf to cover her Palestinian flank." Granted that is a useful shorthand phrase, but it is much too pat, too simplistic, and does not begin to explain, the subtle complexity of the Egypt-Palestinian relationship.

"It is not the isolation we fear, it is the label 'deserter'." This was how Prof. Chairi Eisa, dean of the political science faculty at Cairo University, described Egypt's sensitivity. "If we can offer our Arab brothers the opportunity of peace on the same terms as we are seeking, and they refuse, then it's not our fault. Our minds will be at rest."

A confidant of President Sadat had a similar explanation. "We need it not to look like a separate peace," he said, stressing the "we." In other words, the so-called "figleaf" is not intended to only blunt the criticism voiced by Palestinians and other Arabs, but also to satisfy Egypt's own pride and national sense of duty.

To an Israeli visitor, Egyptian officials present a solid front of blithe indifference and self-assurance when discussing the October Baghdad summit, where the Saudi Arabians joined with the hardliners in condemning Egypt for the Camp David accords.

"Sadat was laughing at them," one of Sadat's aides asserted. "He said that in three months they would be kissing his hand. Baghdad had no real effect."

Occasionally, though, a chink would appear, and it would confirm the universal assessment in Cairo's diplomatic community: Baghdad in fact hit Sadat very hard indeed and his subsequent emphasis on the "linkage" issue is a direct consequence.

Particularly painful to the Egyptians was what they regarded as the Saudi betrayal. They fully expected, after consulting with Riyadh, that the Saudis would head off any unfavourable resolution. But Crown Prince Fahd went to Baghdad himself and personally endorsed the censure of Egypt.

Cairo was discomfited on two counts: the Saudis had denied their support at a crucial moment; and the rejectionists had significantly moderated their position, speaking openly of the need for a political solution of the conflict with Israel. For Egypt a rehearsal of the old, rigid war-cries would have been much easier to dismiss than the more sophisticated form of rejectionism that emerged from Baghdad.

Egyptian officials claim, not very convincingly, that the Saudis would swing around and back the peace process if only Egypt could obtain from Israel the timetable for implementing autonomy.

THERE IS, however, another factor, even more basic than Baghdad, which must have affected Egypt's position on the Palestinian question during the current negotiations: the negative reaction of the Palestinians themselves, on the West Bank and in Gaza, to the autonomy scheme agreed upon at Camp David.

Here, too, Egyptian officials tend to be less than totally frank, certainly with an Israeli, but probably with themselves too.

The negative reaction "was to be expected," says Tahsin Bashir, formerly Sadat's press aide, now in mild disfavour and serving as Egypt's ambassador to the Arab League. "Who trusts an occupier? And, despite the open borders, the Israelis don't talk to the Palestinians as man to man. They certainly don't try to help the Palestinians understand that moderation on their part will bring its reward."

Bashir, one of official Cairo's most urbane and articulate spokesmen, explains the Palestinians' own short-sightedness in not perceiving the potential benefits of autonomy, as "their ghetto mentality."

"How many times are we gentiles told: 'You don't understand; you're not Jewish.' Well, the Palestinians have their special mentality too, moulded by their form of ghetto suffering."

IN FACT, though, the Palestinians' negativism was not "expected" — either by Egypt or by the U.S. On the day after Camp David, a senior American official told hundreds of newsmen at the White House that all three parties to the summit expected the West Bank-Gaza autonomy to be set up within three months. If the U.S had "expected" Palestinian rejection of the accords, it would surely not have sent first Atherton and then Saunders to the West Bank, where they were received downright insultingly.

Every Egyptian official to whom this point is made has a ready — and not irrelevant — reply: Premier Begin's statements following Camp David, about Jewish settlement on the West Bank, and about the ambit of authority of the projected autonomy, fomented Palestinian suspicions.

"Those statements tend to relegate the West Bank-Gaza solution to mere theory," says Tahsin Bashir. "And Israel's reluctance to accept a timetable shows either that Begin wants to drag out the time of the autonomy or that he deliberately wants to sow discord between Egypt and the other Arabs."

(This is the first of two articles)

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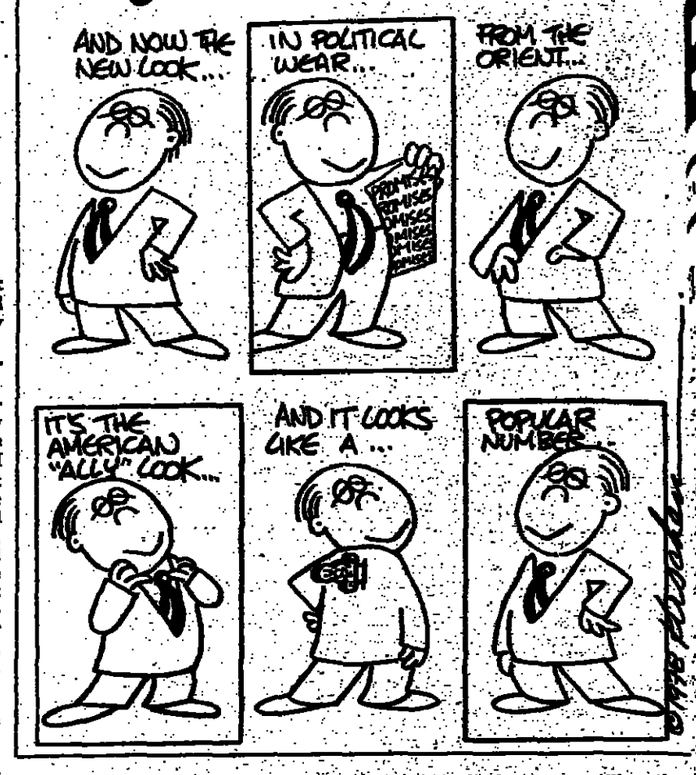

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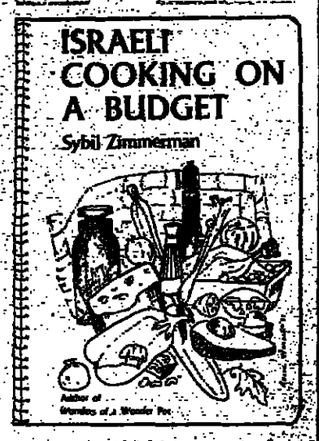

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